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## JAPANESE OFFENSIVE MEETS WITH DETERMINED RESISTANCE

### IRISH WANT PEACEFUL ELECTION

De Valera Appears In  
A New Role.

240 CANDIDATES NOMINATED.

Dublin, To-day.

The big parties have united on an important point in the election campaign, namely, a determination to maintain order.

Eamon De Valera, in a speech at Navan, appealed to his supporters to give his opponents an undisturbed hearing.

General O'Duffy, Chief of the Civic Guard, has announced that if necessary the whole Army is available to preserve the peace and to safeguard full liberty for expression of opinion.

Two hundred and forty candidates will be nominated to-day. They are equally divided for and against the Treaty with Britain. Both sides profess confidence.

The Cosgraveites (the Nationalist Party) are proclaiming that when returned, Mr. Cosgrave will immediately go to London and achieve a settlement within three days. Reuter.

### AUDACIOUS THEFT FROM I.G.P.'S OFFICE

Stubbs' Revolver Cup  
Stolen And Smashed.

MESSANGER'S REVENGE

An audacious theft from the office of the Inspector-General of Police (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.) on Sunday, when a Chinese messenger simply walked into the office, took away the Sir Reginald Stubbs Revolver Championship Cup and later smashed it up with a chopper, was recounted by Detective-Sub-Inspector Chester-Woods before Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning.

The defendant, Lo Chung-shing, pleaded guilty to stealing the trophy and also to the theft of a quantity of stationery, in one of which books was a photograph of Mr. D. Burroughs, Divisional Superintendent of Police, Kowloon, in his youth!

Defendant, before pleading, made a statement from the dock. He said that he had no intention of stealing the cup. It was a case of revenge.

Detective Chester-Woods, outlining the case, said that for the past twelve months the defendant had been in attendance on the I.G.P. He was discharged on December 31 his work being generally unsatisfactory.

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### HONG KONG BANK TO PAY \$3 DIVIDEND

\$3,439,033 Carried  
Forward.

The Directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation announce that, subject to audit, the dividend for the half year ending December 31, 1932, will be \$3 per share on an exchange basis of 1/3d.

The sum of \$1,500,000 will be written off for the bank premises, and \$3,439,033.39 will be carried forward to next year.



SEVEN horses fall at same hurdle.—Wonderful photograph of falls at first flight of hurdles at Kempton Park Steeplechases held at Sandown Park, Surrey, on December 1. J. Loftus sustained a broken thigh, whilst two other jockeys received minor injuries.—(S. & G.)

### ECONOMIC PROPOSALS APPROVED

ITALY SUPPORTS BRITISH FOR  
CONFERENCE

LONDON PRESS STRESS IMPORTANCE OF  
DEBT SETTLEMENT.

London, To-day.

When the preparatory committee of experts for the Economic and Monetary Conference resumed at Geneva yesterday, the Italian representative, Count Beneduce expressed general approval of the proposal made on Monday by Sir Frederick Leith Ross, Economic Adviser to the British Government, that the agenda of the conference should deal with inter-Governmental debts, tariffs, increase of price levels and monetary reconstruction.

The Morning Post, commenting on the proceedings of the committee, supports the British contention that until the conditions, which have brought about the general breakdown of the gold standard have been removed, the reattachment of sterling to gold would aggravate rather than diminish the existing confusion.

The paper continues, "Britain is prepared to co-operate in restoring the gold standard, but first and foremost there must be a settlement of the war debts problem, trade and exchanges must be released from the restraints under which they languish and creditors must be prepared to offer their debtors reasonable access to their market."

"Finally, insensate competition to corner the world's gold supplies must cease."

"In insisting on the fulfilment of these and other prior conditions, it is the British Government, and not their opponents in controversy, who are showing themselves the best friends of the gold standard. For, if as a result of premature stabilisation of the pound on a gold basis Britain were forced off gold again, that would be the end of the gold standard for good and all.—British Wireless Service."

### PRINCE PRESIDES AT MEETING.

Congratulates Ibero-  
American Institute.

London, To-day.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales presided yesterday at a meeting of the General Committee of the Ibero-American Institute of Great Britain, when past and future work was discussed.

The Prince congratulated the Institute on the gold use being made of the resources at its disposal.—British Wireless Service.

### DANGERS OF FIRE AT SEA

British Shipping  
Inquiry.

REGULATIONS OVERHAULED.

London, To-day.

The question of safety from fire of ships at sea is undergoing a thorough investigation at the hands of the Shipbuilding Employers' Federation and the Chamber of Shipping. Inquiry on this subject was suggested last June by the Board of Trade, but at that time the matter had already been raised.

Although the record of British ships shows a remarkable freedom from serious fires, it is recognised that the disasters which have overtaken other vessels, built to a high standard of specification, have made reconsideration of the prevention of fires a desirable and prudent step.

Recent occurrences have increased public interest in the subject and anticipated reports under compilation, will deal specially with the relation between outbreaks of fire and the design of liners in which the higher decks are without obstructing bulkheads and with inflammatory material used for internal construction and decoration.—British Wireless Service.

### AIR SECRETARY TO TOUR MIDDLE EAST.

Inspection Of R. A. F. Bases  
This Month.

London, To-day.

Lord Londonderry, the Secretary for Air, is leaving Croydon by the Imperial Airways to-day on the start of his tour of inspection of Royal Air Force Stations in the Middle East. During the tour he will visit Egypt, Palestine, and Iraq. He is not expected to return before the end of January at the earliest.—British Wireless Service.

### BANKS SHOW BIG PROFITS IN ENGLAND

Only Slightly Affected  
By Depression.

LARGE DIVIDENDS PAID BY  
"BIG FIVE."

London, To-day.

The "Big Five" English banks show a small decline on the year's working, but in spite of this only two of them have reduced their dividends.

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., paid a dividend of 12 per cent. against 13 1/3 last year, while the National Provincial Bank, Ltd., reduced their dividend from 16 to 11 per cent.

Barclays Bank, Ltd., again paid 14 per cent., and the dividends of the Midland Bank, Ltd., and the Westminster Bank, Ltd., also remained unaltered at 16 and 12 1/2 per cent., respectively.—Reuter.

### Buying Wave In New York

Bright Market.  
Outlook.

New York, To-day.

The market now looks as if buying forces are determined to overcome resistance, reports Messrs. E. A. Pierce & Company.

Industrials showed a decided upward trend, rising as much as 2.04, while rails, utilities and bonds, rose 1.12, .65, and .34, respectively.

Average business was done, 1,150,000 shares changing hands.—Reuter.

### H.K. UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Penang Boy In Award  
List.

Lim Soon-kooi, of the Penang Free School, Penang has been awarded the King Edward VII Scholarship in connection with the Matriculation and Local Examinations held at the Hong Kong University last November.

The scholarships and prizes are awarded as follows:—  
King Edward VII Scholarship—Lim Soon-kooi, Penang Free School, Penang.

Chater Memorial Scholarship—Gurbux Singh, Queen's College, Montargis, French Prizes.

Matriculation and Senior:—(1) M. Vu Long, King's College; (2) Miss J. Chaillet, Italian Convent. Junior Local:—(1) Miss A. R. MacFarlane, Central British School; (2) Miss C. Cruciani, French Convent.

### MARTIAL LAW IN SPAIN.

Government Deals  
Firmly With Rebels

Madrid, To-day.

Notwithstanding its conviction that the rebellion has been checked the Government has proclaimed Martial Law in the disturbed areas. It proclaims its intention to drastically suppress any incipient disturbances. The law will be amended to enable possessors of explosives to be dealt with summarily.—Reuter.

### FIGHTING PROGRESSES IN THE EVENING

SOUTHERN SECTION OF  
PASS STILL HELD

CHINESE REINFORCEMENTS RUSH  
TO CHIUMENKOW

PEKING, TO-DAY.

THE CHINESE CLAIM THEY STILL HOLD THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF THE CHIUMENKOW PASS, FOR POSSESSION OF WHICH JAPANESE TROOPS AND AEROPLANES WERE FIGHTING ALL DAY YESTERDAY.

Although the Chinese have given way for some distance they are putting up a determined resistance to the Japanese onslaught. Fighting was still progressing last evening and the Chinese are rushing reinforcements to the scene.

It appears that the earlier reports of Japanese occupation of Chiumenkw yesterday morning were premature. There is considerable speculation as to whether this latest attack is a prelude to the invasion of Jehol or merely a skirmishing move aimed at Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang.—Reuter.

### Ting Eliminated,

JAPANESE CLAIM.

Shanghai, To-day.

In addition to stating that General Li Tu and his troops were driven across the Soviet border, Japanese reports claim that General Ting Chao, ex-Commander of the Chinese Eastern Railway guards, has also been eliminated as a military factor.

It is stated that when the Japanese were advancing on Hulin he surrendered voluntarily and disarmed his troops.

Li Tu and Ting Chao had lately been regarded as the main thorns in the side of the Japanese military in Manchuria.—Reuter.

Chiang's Tour.

Nanking, To-day.

General Chiang Kai-shek will be leaving here very shortly to visit the troops stationed in the northern provinces. He will first proceed to Hankow, and then to Peiping, via Chengchow.



General Chiang Kai-shek.  
Chang Instructed to Resist.

It is learnt that General Chiang Kai-shek, President of the Military Affairs Commission, has sent an urgent telegram to General Chang Hsueh-liang instructing the latter to take measures for self-defence against the new Japanese invasion of North China.

General Chang Kai-shek expressed gratification at the heroic stand made by the small Chinese garrison at Shanhaiwan in the face of tremendous odds.

### Japan's Reply To Protest.

Tokyo, To-day.  
The Japanese reply to Nanking's protest regarding the Shanhaiwan

affair was cabled to-day by Mr. Ariyoshi and is expected to be presented to-day.

Reiterating the Japanese version of the incident, the reply declares that China was alone responsible, consequently "Japan expressly reserves the right of making a demand in this connexion."—Reuter.

### NEGOTIATIONS REFUSED.

Tokyo, To-day.

It is intimated here that General Ho Chu-kuo recently indicated to Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, the British Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, that he was ready to negotiate with the Japanese.

Consequently Major Niura was sent to negotiate, but apparently Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang ordered General Ho to desist.

For that reason no negotiations have hitherto taken place.

However, the Commander of the Japanese garrison in North China has been authorised to open negotiations if Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang so proposes.—Reuter.

### Training Pilots In Fukien.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, To-day.

Fukien Province is preparing to assist in the northern campaign by training a number of airmen for active service. At the request of General Tsai Ting-kai, General Hu Chin-yao, Commander of the Second Squadron of the Canton Air Force, will shortly be proceeding to Fukien to assist in the training.

### Canton Opinion.

Mr. Hu Han-min, member of the Central Kuomintang and General Li Chai-sum, who are present staying in the Colony, will be leaving for Canton to-morrow, where they will discuss with the Canton Government, the latest developments in the northern dispute.

### SIR JOHN SIMON FOR GENEVA.

Manchuria Discussion  
On Monday.

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, who has been recuperating abroad after his recent illness, will return to the Foreign Office this week and will leave London at the week-end for Geneva, to attend the meeting of the Committee of Nine, which is dealing with the Manchurian question on Monday.—British Wireless Service.

### BRITAIN HOLDS KEY IN FAR EAST

Clear Lead Would Solve  
Dispute.

LORD CECIL'S VIEWS.

London, To-day.

That Great Britain holds the key to the Manchurian and Disarmament questions is the opinion of Lord Hugh Cecil, who in a letter to "The Times" states that the world is hoping for a clear, courageous lead from Britain.

He further states that if the League Assembly takes firm and vigorous steps, acting on the basis of the Lytton Report, a satisfactory termination to the Sino-Japanese dispute will be arrived at.

"Neither party will venture to refuse to comply, but if either does, the League members will have to take counsel with other countries," he said.

The letter, which was given great prominence in "The Times" this morning, declares that the events at Shanhaiwan show clearly the perils of the policy drift.—Reuter.

### FRANCE'S BUDGET PROBLEMS

Increased Taxation  
And Drastic Cuts.

\$120,000,000 TO BE FOUND  
BY FINANCE MINISTER.

Paris, To-day.

The depleted state of French finances is causing concern in official circles here. The situation is said to be the most difficult one experienced in recent years, and drastic cuts are proposed to enable the country to balance the budget.

The Chamber of Deputies is practically unanimous that the financial state of the country will present one of the most difficult questions in history. The Finance Minister, M. Cheron has planned to balance the Budget by reducing expenditure by \$30,000,000 and by increasing taxation by the same amount.

His plan to cut expenditure has found favour with business men, but is strongly opposed by civil servants and ex-service men. On the other hand business men are opposing the increased taxes.

French budget difficulties have caused little surprise, since it was only recently that she defaulted with her instalment on the American War debt.—Reuter.

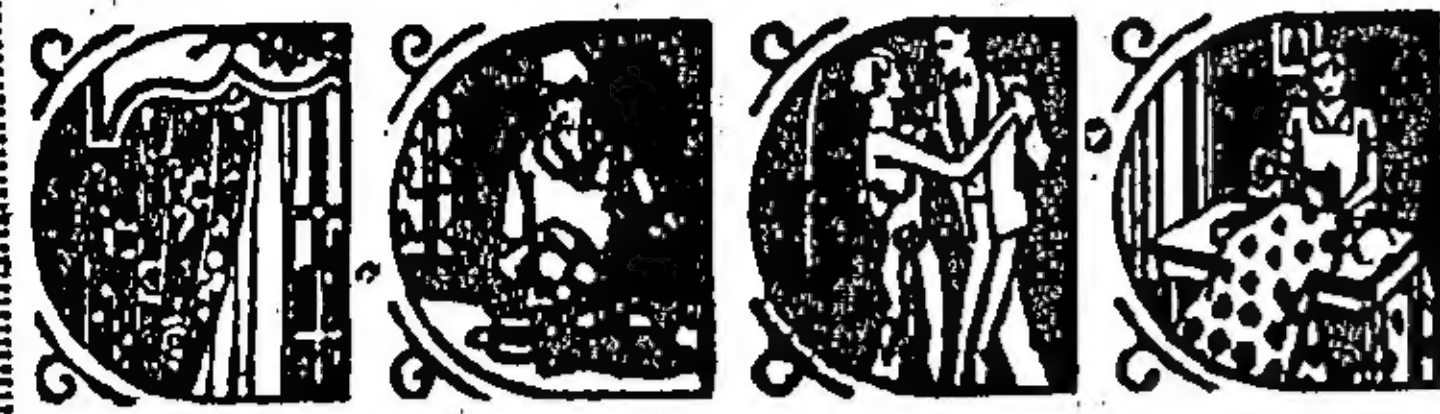
### TREASURY STOCK SMALL COIN.

Preparing For Chinese  
New Year.

A consignment of small money, to cope with the Chinese New Year demand, will shortly arrive at the Hong Kong Treasury. The money consists of \$10,000 worth of copper coins, and \$50,000 worth of five cent pieces.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce have a scheme in hand to facilitate exchange during the holiday.





# The Woman's Page



## "Modern Girls" Who Love Babies

### Mothercraft At London Nursery Centre

There is still a vague idea that in their efforts to compete with men in the professional and business world young women to-day are losing interest in what is, perhaps, the greatest career of all—the care of their own and other people's children.

Older women who feel pessimistic about their daughters' capabilities in this direction should go, as I did, to one of the schools where modern girls learn to look after babies and toddlers. Watch them soothing the few-weeks-old baby to sleep, bending over his pram in the shady garden; watch them ironing out tiny garments, absorbed in their task; watch them romping with the toddlers, encouraging the shy one to join in—and themselves playing as if they loved it.

Look at the charts which each one keeps of the daily life of the baby in her charge—the care and interest with which they note the tiniest detail and the baby's reaction to any change of routine.

#### Keen and Young.

The nursery experts who train these young girls, teaching them to cook, make clothes, and launder for the babies, as well as how to plan their diets and treat their small ailments, will tell you that. And their opinion is borne out by the fact that there are long waiting-lists of would-be children's nurses at the important training colleges, writes Molly Kyle in the "Daily Mail." So many girls want to learn baby management that a big London centre is inaugurating a training for day-pupils. One college has every entry booked up to the middle of next year.

The matron of this college declares that the young girl of to-day tackles her job of training to be a nursery nurse with more intelligence than her predecessor of a few years ago.

She takes a keen interest in the theoretical side of child management. This is a branch of the training which in many cases is a new addition to the nurse's training, but already a well-known child specialist who examines the students before they leave a nursery training college says that young nurses now have a sound knowledge of food values and the scientific arrangement of children's diets.

#### A Charming Scene.

And how tremendously enthralled these girls are with the business of looking after babies at the toddler stage! That is another new development, for in the old days the nurses seemed to be interested chiefly in the tiny infants.

I happened to look in on a charming scene in the nursery school of a big London college. The children, all under five, were beating time on toy jazz instruments to a tune played on the piano. On a small stool stood the baby conductor, wielding a baton nearly as long as himself. And the students nurses joined in the drum beating as merrily as any of the children.

#### Conversation at Breakfast.

During the year they spend at the college modern young nurses learn everything about babies, from charting their diets to encouraging their breakfast-table conversation.

Each baby has its own night nursery and a student to share it with him. So that each girl can get practical experience of running an average-sized nursery, the older children are divided into "families" of three or four, sleeping in a large, open-air night nursery with a student in charge. But before they even attempt to look after the youngsters these girls spend several weeks in the kitchens and laundry, and even in doing actual housework. They may never be asked to cook or scrub when they go out to their jobs, but they like to feel that they are learning not only to look after other people's babies, but how to run the "home of her own" to which every one of them looks forward.

When these young nurses have their own homes and families I think the pessimists will have to admit that they were wrong in doubting their domestic capabilities.

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### Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

Are you giving a tea? If so, this suggestion may be timely.

Fruit Salad in Gelatin.  
Cheesed Wafers.

Date Strips Pineapple Sherbet  
Coffee

Salted Nuts  
Fruit Salad in Gelatin.

1 package orange flavored gelatin mixture.

1-2/3 cups boiling water or fruit juices.

1 cup diced pineapple.

1 cup diced pears.

1/3 cup salad dressing.

Pour boiling water over gelatin mixture; stir until dissolved. Cool and allow to thicken some. Beat until frothy and beat in remaining ingredients. Pour into a mould and chill. Unmould on lettuce and surround with salad dressing.

Date Strips.

1/2 cup fat.

1 cup sugar.

2 eggs.

2/3 cup milk.

1/2 teaspoon salt.

1 teaspoon vanilla.

2 cups flour.

2 teaspoons baking powder.

Cream fat and sugar. Add rest of ingredients and beat four min-

utes. Pour into two layer cake pans lined with waxed paper. Batter should be spread quite thin, about 1/4 inch. Bake 15 minutes in moderate oven. Cool. Spread one layer with the date filling, top with other layer and cover with frosting. Cut into strips 1/2 inch wide and three inches long.

Date Filling.

1/2 cup sugar.

2 tablespoons flour.

1/4 teaspoon salt.

1 cup chopped dates.

1/2 cup orange juice.

1 tablespoon butter.

1/2 cup nuts.

Mix sugar, flour and salt. Add dates and juice and cook very slowly until mixture thickens a little. Stir constantly. Add the rest of the ingredients. Mix well and cool.

Frosting.

3 tablespoons butter.

1 tablespoon cream.

1/2 teaspoon vanilla.

1/4 teaspoon salt.

1 cup sifted confectioner's sugar.

Mix ingredients and beat two minutes. Let stand for several minutes and then frost top of cake.

TRY it with fish—you'll be delighted with the flavour.



## LEA & PERRINS' SAUCE

### THIS SHINY LEATHER CULT.

New Modes Prove Popular.

A dressmaker who has taken up the cult for patent leather with great enthusiasm is using it to trim many of her new frocks; she finds it smart as narrow belts, bindings to pockets, bands around fitting sleeves and narrow insets on skirts and bodices. And evidently her patrons agree.

Her bags of patent leather are small and compact, and often there are shoes to match. Capes with the true highwayman effect are as popular as ever, and give scope for tiers of leather between folds of the material.

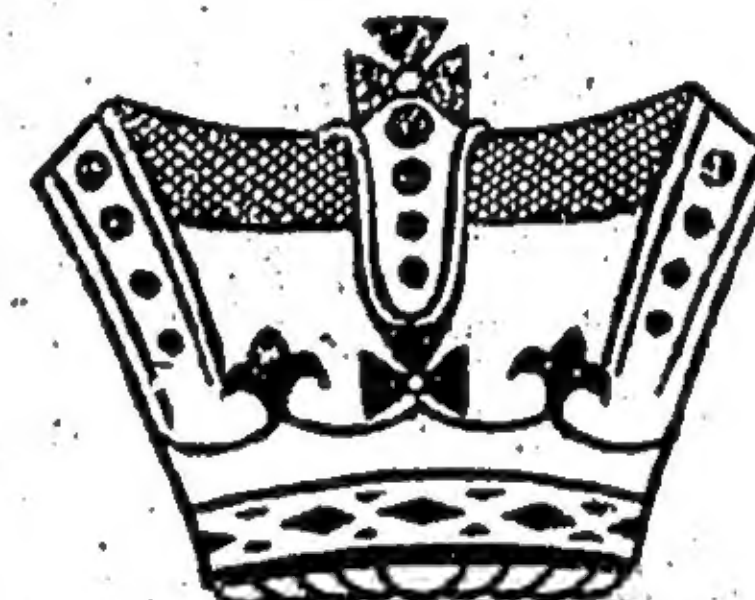
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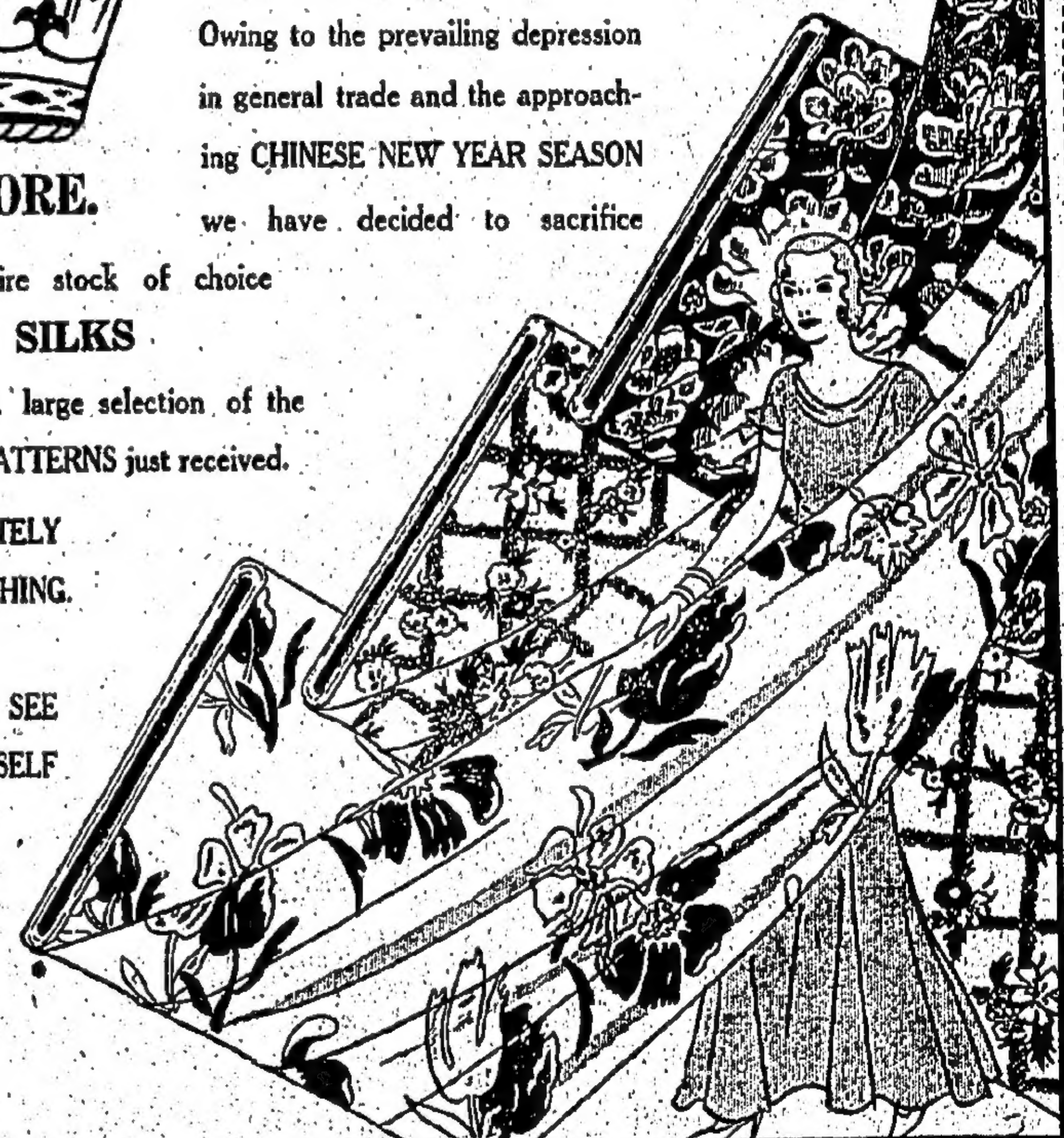
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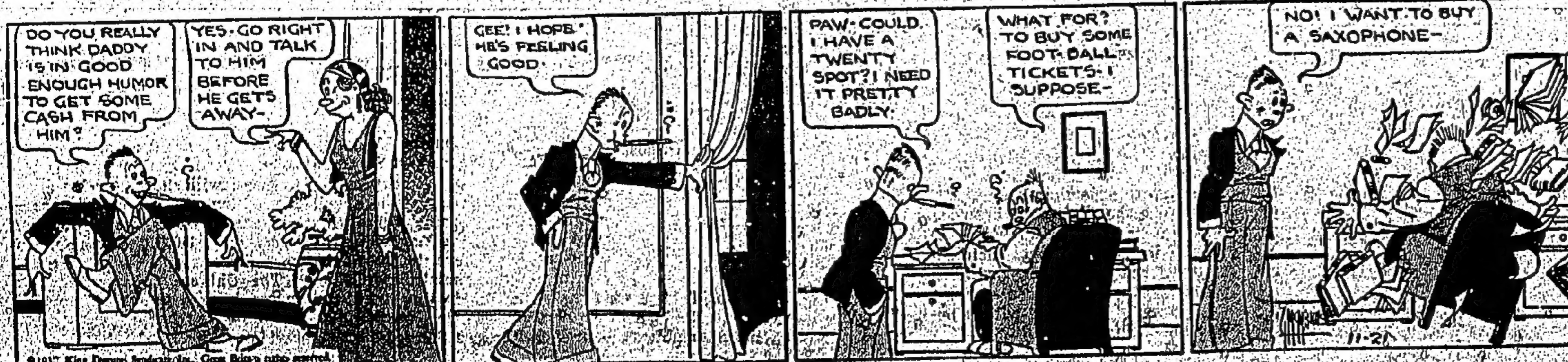


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## Art and Drama

200 YEARS OF  
OPERA.Covent Garden's Play  
Bills.

A bicentenary commemoration of the original opening of the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, on December 7, 1732, began recently at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

All the exhibits were connected with one or other of the theatres which have stood upon the same site. There was for instance, a print of John Rich, the builder of the first Theatre Royal, driving up in state to his new theatre, which was a handsome building with a severe Doric colonnade.

Rich had made a fortune out of the "Beggars' Opera," and he often afterwards put it on at Covent Garden, as the play-bills tell us.

The history of the theatre was covered fully down to the present year. In the nineteenth century the operatic traditions of the Theatre Royal, which ultimately became the Royal Opera, are shown by engravings and photographs of the leading singers and by many programmes.

One of these, for a performance of "Lucrezia Borgia" in 1847, has some marginal notes. "Not a nice opera, choruses splendid," is written next to the title. Mme. Grisi excited no comment, but against Mlle. Alboni's name is the statement, "drinking song beautiful, double encore."

Signor Mario, this unknown critic declares, was "disfigured with beard." "Bad, stupid," are the epithets applied to the Divertissement—as the ballet was called—and Mme. Elssler, the famous ballerina, was "nothing particular."

BISHOP WHO WAS A  
FAMOUS CHEMIST.

## Portrait By Reynolds.

Bishops have often so much to say about science that it is interesting to be reminded that Dr. Richard Watson (whom Reynolds painted in 1769) was not only Bishop of Llandaff but was also a Professor of Chemistry at Cambridge and a distinguished Fellow of the Royal Society. Reynolds' portrait of the bishop is appeared at Sotheby's recently.

Indeed, in 1787, when Dr. Watson had been a bishop for five years, the Government asked his advice on improvements in gunpowder, and the result was a saving of £100,000 a year in munitions.

The year before he had announced

Entertaining Made  
A Real ArtModern House Party  
Proof Of Change

## OLD ORDER OUTGROWN

(By G. CORNWALLIS-WEST).

Most of us will admit that, of the two, more pleasure is experienced in entertaining than in being entertained.

How much nicer it is to invite one's particular friends to one's own house to dine, talk and indulge in a mild rubber than to have to go out on a bitter cold night, try to get a taxi in pouring rain, only to find oneself, on arriving wet and shivering at the house, planted next to a complete, and possibly dull, stranger, or worse still, someone who is definitely antipathetic.

Herein lies the art of entertaining. Perfect is the host or hostess who knows, exactly which of their friends will mix well together, who remembers the particular idiosyncrasy of each, whether mental, physical or gastronomic.

Being myself one of the fortunate ones who have received much hospitality in life, my impression is that nowadays hosts and hostesses take infinitely more pains to make their guests contented than they used to.

## No Tact.

The huge dinner parties that were given in Edwardian days were more in the nature of compulsory entertainments. A lady would say to her husband: "My dear, we've never asked the de Veres to dinner this season. The

ed that he had destroyed all his chemical manuscripts as a "sacrifice to other people's notions," but his very practical discoveries could not be thus deleted, and his suggestion, after careful experiments, that volatile products from coke ovens could be condensed, led to the foundation of a great industry.

The portrait was one of Watson as an alert chemist not as a thoughtful theologian. He is posed standing in his laboratory and lecturing to students in his black gown and long white powdered hair. The portrait was sent by one of the bishop's descendants, Capt. Godfrey Charles Knight Watson, R.A. In the same sale there was a lively panel picture of a merry couple, by Frans Hals, the property of Lt. Comdr. Russell Tucker.

answer would be: "No—and what about the Smith-Robinsons?" That it was common knowledge that the de V's and the S-R's were not on speaking terms did not worry the compulsory entertainers.

They had to get through a certain number of people every season, with the result that at each of the three banquets which they gave, thirty people armed each other in to dinner, ate and drank hugely, and were, as often as not, intensely bored afterwards.

Dinner parties nowadays are a much more intimate and therefore more amusing form of entertainment. Stern necessity has cut down the number of guests to eight or twelve, and each one generally knows the other.

Men no longer seem to desire to drown dull care in the dining-room. Ten minutes instead of half an hour is now the usual time spent over the port before rejoining the ladies.

## Easier To Amuse.

On the other hand, guests are far easier to amuse than they used to be. Unless suffering from senile decay, they nearly all play some sort of game; there is always a tennis court, and few country houses are without a golf course within motoring distance.

Guests at week-end parties in the summer were hardly ever, in my young days, given the chance of entertaining themselves. At many large houses certain things were done at certain hours, and one had duly to parade for them. There were the gardens and greenhouses to be visited in the morning, the stables in the afternoon, and so on.

Times have altered; for daylight amusement the wise hostess makes suggestions according to the amenities which the place offers, and leaves it to her guests to fall in with her suggestions or not, as they feel inclined. At night there is always the Bridge table or backgammon, and most people play both nowadays.

If they do not, there is either the wireless or the gramophone; for, young or old, who does not dance nowadays?

## MAN CAN BE GOD-LIKE

But Never Can  
Be God.

## POETRY EXPLAINED.

(By St. John Ervine in the  
London "Observer.")

I must, as Bottom said, grow to a point. My argument is that the common man may, like Caliban, turn to Miranda or to Trinculo; he may worship God, and so become godlike, or adore the Devil and become damnable. But he cannot be God or the Devil. That is not what Matthew Arnold means when he declares that:—

The seeds of godlike power are in us still;

Gods are we, bards, saints, heroes, if we will!

What he means is that if we maintain our standards high, we can bring out of ourselves something better than ourselves. Every acorn does not become an oak, nor is the oak merely an exaggeration of its seed. Something has been added to the acorn, from the earth and the air and the sky, nor has the acorn willed that these additions should be made to it. They have been bestowed upon the acorn, which does not know how it obtained them, and is probably unaware that it cannot germinate without them. The neo-democrat believes that he has no need of addition, that all power is in himself, that he can sprout as well as anybody, and that no one is entitled to any more authority or consideration than is given to him. He must set the standards. What

he likes is what everybody must like. Anybody who differs from him is indecent or wicked. In a neo-democracy we must all read the same newspaper listen to the same broadcast programme, and see the same moving-picture. The neo-democratic likes to think that what he is hearing in London is being heard everywhere. The accents of Lambeth are to be the accents of Lurgan, and what is said on Primrose Hill must also be said on the Paps of Jura. The apprentice is as good as the craftsman!

## Transfiguration.

At this point, impatiently you inquire what all this tirade has to do with the cinema and the theatre. This, if there is anything wrong with the playhouse, it is because there is something wrong with the playgoers. It is useless to produce fine spectacles for blind men or to play symphonies to the deaf. Yet a stone-deaf man, if he be a Beethoven, may compose a great symphony, and a blind man, if he be a Homer or a Milton, make magnificent spectacles through his imagination. If Matthew Arnold was right, as I think he was, anyone of us may be transfigured in a moment, as Saul was turned into Paul by a dazzling vision on the road to Damascus, as Edith Cavell, a plain, unimposing woman, was, in a time of trial, transformed into a figure to fire the pride of her countrymen. Would anyone have said of Captain Oates, had they met him before he went into the Arctic blizzard and laid himself down in the snow and died, that his was the stuff of which heroes are made? A man is sustained by the belief that he may find the field-marshal's baton in his knapsack, although he knows very well that scarcely one man in a million finds it. How will he sustain himself when he is assured that there is no baton to find, and that if there were, it would not be worth the trouble of discovery? "A.E.", in "The Earth Breath," asserts that:

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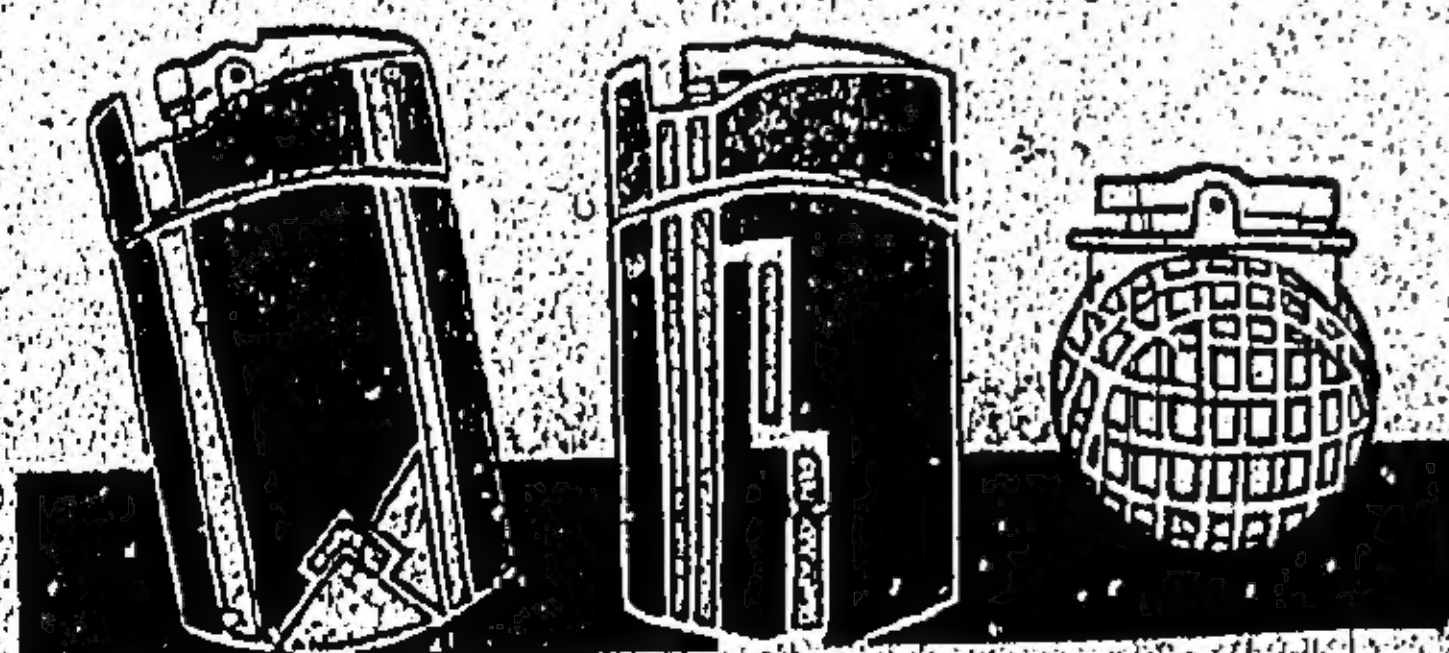
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### MAIL REVIEW

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### MAIL REVIEW

#### "SCOTLAND YARD"—ORIENTAL THEATRE.

Edmund Lowe's splendid portrayal of a gentleman crook is an outstanding feature of Fox's exciting drama "Scotland Yard" now showing at the Oriental Theatre. Joan Bennett is the leading lady, while Halliwell Hobbes also gives a good characterisation in the role of a detective. There is much interest in the film, which is well worth seeing!

### MAIL REVIEW.

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### MAIL REVIEW

#### "THE OLD DARK HOUSE"—CENTRAL THEATRE.

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1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News, Selected London & New York Stock Quotations, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

4.30-7 p.m.—Chinese programme.

6-6.20 p.m.—Children's Concert.

7-10.45 p.m.—European programme.

7 p.m.—Selected London & New York Stock Quotations, etc.

7.12-7.30 p.m.—A programme of records from Z.B.W.'s Library.

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4. Violin Solo—Two Russian Folk Songs (Kreisler)

5. Piano Solo—Water Wagtail (Cyril Scott)

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8.15-9.05 p.m.

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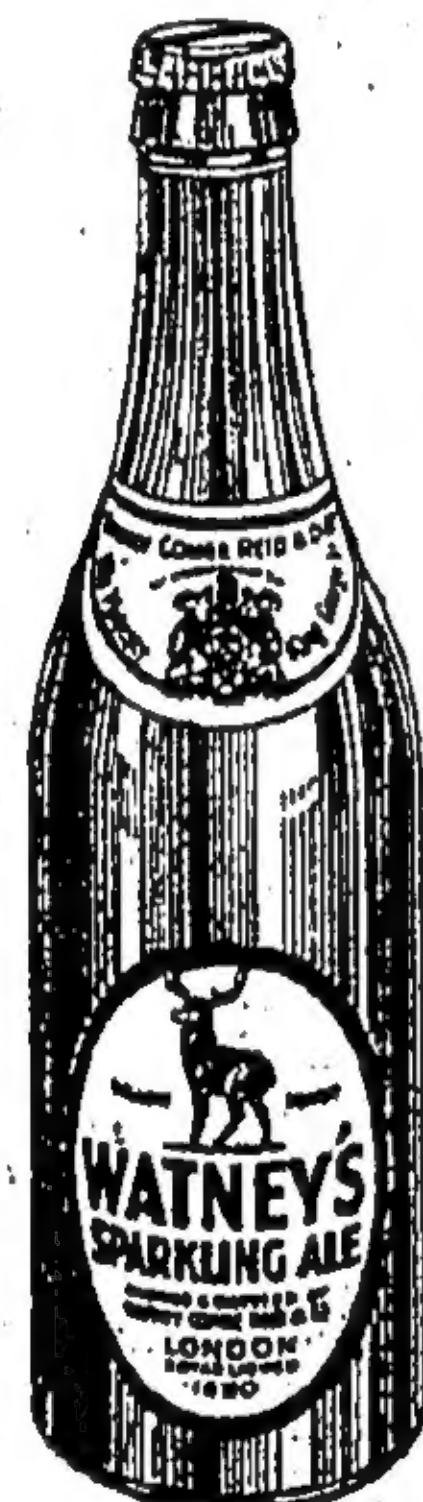
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### The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1933.

#### American Politics.

The 72nd Congress of the United States of America is engaged on final session after the most dramatic turn of the political wheel that America has known for many years. As a rule in this particular session, which Americans describe as "a lame duck," both the Legislature and the Executive are content to mark time. This arises from a feature of the American system which to those accustomed to the working of British institutions seems to lead to inconvenience. In British communities, Parliament assembles at an early date after the country has delivered its verdict. A Government is formed and there is no break in continuity. In America there is none in theory, but frequently there is one in practice. The Presidential election is quadrennial, and the Congressional election biennial, both being held in November when a new House of Representatives is chosen and vacancies in the Senate caused by rotational retirement are filled. But the President-elect does not assume office and the victorious candidates for Congress do not take their seats until the following March. Consequently there is a sort of interregnum of four months. The outgoing President is reluctant to commit his successor, and members of Congress who may have been refused a mandate by the constituency are apt to be apathetic in the discharge of their duties. In general a President whose occupancy of White House is nearing its end and an expiring Congress confine themselves to routine business. This year, however, the circumstances are different. There are urgent problems which must be attacked without delay and the voice of the people has most emphatically endorsed the policy of the Democrats who, as it is, and without the reinforcements arriving in March, are in virtual equality with the Republicans in either Chamber. The gravity of the domestic situation and certain international issues are a call to action which is too pressing to be ignored even in a "lame duck" session. Economically the world

has fallen upon evil days, but no country has experienced a more sudden and catastrophic reversal of fortune than America. When Mr. Hoover was elected in 1928, America was riding the crest of the wave of prosperity. Trade was booming; gold, a precious metal which now threatens to choke her after the manner of King Midas of the Myth, was pouring into her Treasury; manufacturers were reaping a rich harvest from supplying luxury articles on time-payment. Confidence was in the air, and Mr. Hoover, rather prematurely, announced that poverty would soon be a thing of the past in this favoured land. That over-optimistic prediction probably contributed to his rejection in November. The deficit has increased by leaps and bounds. The farmers are in a desperate plight. Unemployment is spreading. "Hunger marchers" converged upon Washington demanding relief. Many thoughtful Americans are wondering whether America's addiction to high tariffs and her attitude towards the war debt are not weapons injurious to herself. Congress has ample material to engage its attention. The result of the first important division taken in the House of Representatives is interesting for several reasons. It was on a resolution for the repeal of the 18th Amendment. It was carried easily, but by an insufficient margin to make it effective even as a recommendation. This is an example of the power which the Constitution for the sake of its own maintenance, confers upon minorities. In the recent campaign, the Democratic platform contained a "Wet" plank; the Republicans were "semi-Wet." The voting in the House cannot have been on party lines because, as it is now composed, the Democrats can count upon, at the most, 218 supporters, whereas in this count, Mr. Garner, Vice-President elect, and mover of the resolution, had 272. That was not enough to outweigh the 144 opponents. Amendments to the Constitution, in which the eighteenth has been enshrined since 1919, can only be brought about by compliance with conditions which are difficult to satisfy. For their initiation a two-thirds majority in both Chambers of Congress or an application by two-thirds of the State Legislatures, as the case may be, is necessary, and then they must be ratified by three-quarters of the States. This means that for the proposals to be adopted they must be backed by a very strong body of opinion, and in the whole history of the Republic there have only been nineteen amendments, most of which have been concerned with technical subjects. Indeed the only ones affecting the social habits of the nation have been those relating to slavery, prohibition, and woman's suffrage.

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The London Chamber of Commerce's interesting scheme of barter has already been successfully applied in Paris.

A year ago the painters and sculptors of Montmartre decided to combat the financial crisis by offering their works in exchange for the strict necessities of life. The grocers, wine merchants, fruiterers, vegetable dealers, and furniture salesmen of the region were invited to decorate their homes with works of art acquired in exchange for an agreed quantity of their own goods, and the results were gratifying to all parties.

It is not known if the French landlords, who are notoriously a mercenary class, made a similar concession in the cause of art. But one has never entered the consulting room of a doctor or dentist in Paris without stumbling over an incongruous collection of pictures and statuary acquired by the practitioner from needy artists in lieu of fee.

Trotsky's Quiet Landing.  
There is a curious resemblance between the landing of Trotsky in France and the arrival, in 1931, of King Alfonso after his sudden departure from Spain.

Both ex-sovereign and ex-Bolshevik War Minister were awaited by large crowds on the quayside at Marseilles.

Both exiles eluded embarrassing receptions by being landed in a quiet cove some miles from the port.

#### Your Daily Smile.

EASY.  
"What," asks a writer, "are the most objectionable words in the English language?" Time, gentlemen, please.

THE SUPREME OPTIMIST.  
The fellow who wrote the 50 on the speedometer of my car.

FROM EXPERIENCE.  
A bank manager has written a novel. I understand that most of the characters are overdrawn.

OH, MR. RIPLEY!  
Believe it or not, this is the weather that makes the conl scuffle.

Answer to Correspondent.  
Trial marriages, Percy, are not new. Every marriage is a trial.

Life is Like That.  
A man I know suffered from insomnia and started to count sheep. Then he got so darned keen on reaching 35,000 that he had to get up and make black coffee to keep himself from going to sleep.

#### Facts You Did Not Know.

Cuba has been making a systematic effort to increase the production of native reeds, bamboos and willows that can be used in furniture manufacture.

Inflated mitts to be strapped to the backs of the hands and arms have been invented that are asserted to keep swimmers afloat better than body belts.

A plant has been opened in Hungary to produce sufficient nitrogen to supply the domestic demand and export fertilizers to several adjacent countries.

For testing oil in automobiles a syringe has been invented to withdraw a sample from a crank case and display it in a thin film against a glass window.

#### News In Brief.

The annual prize distribution of the Yaumati School, Nathan Road, will be held on Tuesday, January 17, at 11 a.m., when Mrs. G. P. de Martin, wife of the Director of Education, will give away the prizes.

At the Union Church Hall, Kowloon, last night, Dr. K. L. Reichelt delivered a very interesting lecture on "Glimpses of the Tibetan Borderland" to a very appreciative audience. The speaker said that the object of the visit was to lecture on the Christian faith to the Buddhist monks and to make further studies and research work about that country.

# COSTLY SECONDARY EDUCATION

## FAULT OF EXAMINATION SYSTEM OF TO-DAY

### GENERAL DISSATISFACTION

(By H. L. O. Flecker, Headmaster of Christ's Hospital.)

There is no doubt that there exists a very general dissatisfaction with the present system of secondary education, and that the roots of the trouble are our Public Examinations.

So far has dissatisfaction gone that there are some who look upon drastic reduction of the cost of national education as an obvious economy in an item of largely useless expenditure.

Their view gains favour from the utterances of certain of their opponents who are for ever disseminating the idea that progress in education chiefly and necessarily demands the spending of more money.

The truth is that the present system is extravagant because it does not give value for the money that is spent, wasting things that no gold can buy—the energy and enthusiasm of the coming generation. The correct policy for the nation in these days would rather seem to be to decide how much money can be legitimately afforded for education, and then to secure that it is profitably laid out.

By proposing vital changes in the examinations which every secondary school, public or State-aided, is forced to take, the investigators responsible for the report on last year's School Certificate Examinations, which has just appeared, will affect profoundly every boy who receives the benefit of more than an elementary or preparatory education.

The dissatisfaction is more widespread than definite. It has been voiced by parents, schoolmasters, the public, and both conferences of headmasters.

It is alleged that the syllabus is overcrowded; that there is no time to train the hand or eye; that children are not taught to use their leisure; that "over-intellectualised" or "analytic" methods of teaching are not confined to single subjects, but used in every period of work; that boys are taught to learn rather than to observe and think; that they do not know how to use books; that they are ignorant of the Empire and foreign countries, of our own national and local systems of government; that the curriculum may lead up to a university education, but is entirely unrelated to the needs of industry and commerce.

#### Complaints Not Unjust.

In the main, these complaints are not unjust. In recent years large numbers of subjects have been grafted upon the old classical and mathematical syllabus without sufficient thought.

A broader policy than that of trying to teach in school periods all that "every educated boy should know" might have saved us from the present congestion. It was often not realised that scientific methods can be taught in many subjects other than physics and chemistry, just as the good teacher of natural science can open his pupils' eyes to beauty no less than the teacher of literature or art.

Moreover, the reaction from excessive specialisation has carried us so far that we now make much too little use of the natural inclinations of boys towards a particular form of study.

The demands of the examinations rob us of the time to let our pupils realise the fascination of their own chosen form of mental exercise; for in the subject they choose themselves they will more readily practise accuracy and industry, until they learn the joy of accomplishment as each difficulty is overcome and a fresh vista opens ahead.

At present the subjects of study tend to be selected either because they are "useful" or because they are "examinable." The first of these considerations is of secondary importance, the second quite improper.

Matriculation Sets Pace.  
The authors of the report are well aware of this fact. Discussing the difficulties that have arisen from the general use of the School

Certificate Examination (which is taken by nearly every boy before he leaves school) for the purpose of securing exemption from Matriculation—that is, the entrance examination to the universities—they say:

"The requirements for a School Certificate were deliberately made elastic. . . . For a candidate who desires to matriculate the choice is more restricted. Subjects which are of no value for matriculation purposes are definitely at a disadvantage. Nor would this matter seriously if only those pupils were concerned who proposed to proceed to a University."

In fact, matriculation requirements dominate the situation; they set the pace in School Certificate forms, and determine the subjects taken by candidates, including many who will, in fact, fail to obtain the desired matriculation certificates. This goes far to render nugatory the idea of the School Certificate Examination as essentially and examination which provides a test of the secondary school curriculum, but does not itself determine that curriculum.

#### Second-Rate Citizens

In fact, we have fallen between two stools. We have lost the narrow, leasured curriculum of olden days, which did at least inculcate a noble accuracy and a fine habit of mental self-discipline. Yet we have not achieved that liberty which is the ideal of modern educationists.

Our Prorustean system, with its School Certificates and Matriculations, has driven us back towards mass production, and the attempt to turn out by educational machinery a number of human minds with a standard content of knowledge can only result in the production of second-rate citizens in the nation.

It is quite impossible for the individual headmaster to revolt against the examinations. Their certificates are regarded by too large a number of people as the hall mark of a sound education.

He dare not deprive his pupils of their paper qualifications. For the examinations have acquired an improper importance, not only in the eyes of the schools and universities, of teachers and of taught, but also—and perhaps more disastrously—in the eyes of industry and commerce.

The investigators have made a number of suggestions which, if adopted, will mitigate the harm that is being done.

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### PEAK BURGLARIES SEQUEL.

#### House Boy Appears Before Magistrate.

Remanded from Monday on a charge of larceny from 519 The Peak, the residence of Mr. W. J. Waddington, Manager of the P. & O. Bank, Wong Yau, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning, when further charges were preferred against him in connection with a theft from 520, The Peak, the residence of Mr. C. M. Preshaw, Assistant Manager of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company.

Together with the defendant appeared Au Sau, described as a house boy, who was also charged in connection with the burglaries.

A wrist watch, a tortoise shell clock, a portable gramophone, a felt hat, two white blankets, a pair of cuff links, an "attache" case, a cigarette case, and a camera were stolen from Mr. Preshaw, while a quantity of household property to the value of \$150, including two fur coats, was the coup from Mr. Waddington's house.

The accused were remanded for further enquiries.



## TERRIFYING TROOPS IN FOREST WAR

Giant Recruits Join In  
Chaco Dispute.

ARMED WITH MACHETES.

(Reuter's Special Mail Service).  
Asuncion, Paraguay.

A regiment of 500 swarthy giants recruited in the Paraguayan tea field, and nicknamed "the monkey heads" because of the fur caps many of them wear, are in the forefront of present Paraguay offensive to expel the Bolivians from the disputed Chaco region, reports the correspondent of the Associated Press of America.

Armed with machetes and with knives in their boots, and fighting elbow to elbow through jungle undergrowths beside smartly uniformed young officers turned out by the military academy at Asuncion, the "monkey heads" typify the last survival of antiquated fighting methods almost outgrown in Paraguay.

To-day the Paraguayan army, with upward of 20,000 effectives including all reservists, is a well-knit organisation under central command with officers trained abroad or in military school at home.

But that is a development of the last decade or two. Previously, for generations, the Paraguayan army had no homogeneous character. It was merely a collection of regiments, largely volunteers, recruited in various sections of the country by local chiefs. These chiefs, seldom had technical military training, but they were warriors familiar with the country, and generally were men of prestige and political power in their localities.

Expect To Die.

One of these old soldiers, Major Tomas Mendoza, recruited the Aca Caraya regiment, or "monkey heads," and marched them to Asuncion at the outbreak of hostilities to integrate them in the Paraguayan army. Major Mendoza had picked the biggest and bravest and hardest from many more than 500 volunteers. They came bearing the same machetes they worked with in the fields, and announced to the government that they expected to die at the head of the Paraguayan columns.

Because all of them can ride as readily as they walk, the War Department designated them as cavalry and provided horses for them at Concepcion, whence they struck into the Chaco. But bulletins from the front indicate that they found their horses of little use in their sort of fighting.

Although they have kept their machetes in their belts, they are using rifles—for all of them know how to shoot.—Reuter.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETY.

Annual Meeting On  
February 3.

The annual meeting of the League of Nations Society, Hong Kong, will be held on Friday, February 3 in the Helena May Institute, at 5.15 p.m. The Chairman will be the Hon. Sir William Shenton and the speakers the Right Rev. the Bishop of Victoria, and Mr. R. C. H. Lim.

For those who desire it tea will be available from 4.30 p.m. to the commencement of the meeting. People wishing to book tables for tea are requested to notify the Matron, Helena May Institute. Telephone 22160.

## ITALIAN FILM TO BE SHOWN.

Fascist Anniversary  
Depicted.

A film featuring the festivities held lately in Rome on the 10th anniversary of Fascism, will be shown at the Central Theatre on Saturday next at 11 a.m. by kind permission of Mr. Way, of the Peacock Film Company.

A short introductory speech will be made by the Italian Consul General, Mr. A. D. Bianconi. Invitations have been issued.

## TOC H OBJECTS OUTLINED.

Big Meeting Held  
Last Evening.

GOVERNOR PRESIDES.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, presided over a large gathering at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., last evening, when the aims, objects and history of Toc H, were expounded by the Rev. F. E. Ford, Toc H. Padre, and Harry Chappell.

The Governor, introducing the Rev. Mr. Ford, said that although he (His Excellency) did not know anything about Toc H, he did know it was a marvellous movement one of the few things which emerged from the War. Its aim was service to mankind and human interest in the activities around us.

The Rev. Ford dealt with the growth of the movement all round the world in Great Britain, Canada, the United States, South America, New Zealand, Australia, Malaya, India, Persia, Africa and Europe.

"Everywhere," he said, "members pledged themselves by 'fair thinking' to make Toc H. really Every man's Club and every member too must undertake to do some simple job of service."

A vote of thanks to H.E. the Governor, the Rev. Mr. Chappell, and to Messrs. Jardine Matheson for the use of the room, was proposed by Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell, a Toc H. member.

## ROTARY AND TOC H MUCH IN COMMON.

Rev. "Bobs" Ford Talks  
To Rotarians.

"It is always a pleasure to talk to Rotary Clubs about Toc H, for Rotary and Toc H have very much in common—they both tend towards fellowship and sacrifice before self—and we find, I am thankful to say, in many parts of the world that Rotary and Toc H work together in close co-operation," said the Rev. F. E. ("Bobs") Ford, the Toc H Padre, in the course of an interesting address to the Rotary Club at their weekly fifth at the Gloucester Building yesterday, at which Hon. Mr. S. W. To's presided.

Guests present who were introduced by Rotarians were the Bishop of Victoria (the Rt. Rev. Ronald Hall), Capt. Burnett, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, Messrs. J. T. Asquith (London), Harry Chappell (who is travelling the East with the Rev. Mr. Ford), E. P. Howard and T. Ramsay.

## S. A. PREFERENCE FOR EMPIRE.

Treaty With Germany  
Amended.

(Reuter's Special Mail Service).  
Pretoria.

In order to enable the Union to carry out the Ottawa agreements, many have been amended to permit the commercial treaty with Germany has been amended to permit of the extension of preferences by the union to goods manufactured in Britain, the Dominions, Colonies, and British Mandated Territories without such preferences applying to Germany.

The amendment is subject to ratification, but the Union and German Governments have agreed that the amendment shall apply provisionally from October 24, except as regards goods shipped to the Union before October 13.—Reuter.

## HUGE NEVADA DAM NEAR COMPLETION.

Astounding Feat Of  
Engineering.

Boulder City, Nev. Following a visit by President Herbert Hoover, the great Hoover or Boulder Dam entered the second phase of its construction today when the waters of the Colorado River were diverted through a 4,000 foot tunnel in the canyon walls to allow work on the dam proper to proceed.

During his visit Hoover inspected the project under flood lights and made a brief speech praising it as one of the greatest engineering projects in history. "It will, in fact," in its various ramifications, assure a livelihood to a new population nearly as great as that of the state of Maryland."

## RHODESIA TO HAVE NEW COIN

£100,000 Silver Order  
For Britain.

RESULT OF NEW ACT.

(Reuter's Special Mail Service).  
Salisbury.

A hundred thousand pounds of silver coins have been ordered from the Royal Mint, London and the first instalment is expected in Rhodesia in November. This order arises out of the new Coinage Act which has come into force.

The design on the obverse will be the King's head and crown, as on other Dominion coins.

The design of the reverse is not yet settled, having been left in the hands of the Premier, Mr. H. U. Moffat and the Treasurer, Mr. P. D. L. Fynn, to decide when in London, but will probably embody the arms of the Colony.—Reuter.

## LEGION OF HONOUR FOR ROBEY.

French Paper Urges  
Presentation.

(Reuter's Special Mail Service).  
Nice.

George Robey, who is playing in the English version of a film now being made on the Riviera, has endeared himself to the local inhabitants by his unflinching good-humour.

Long articles are devoted daily in the papers to his doings, and the part which he played in the war is not forgotten.

In an article headed "Better late than Never" one of the leading Riviera newspapers recalls the fact that George Robey was responsible for the raising of two and a half million francs for France during the war and suggests that the French Government should take the opportunity of bestowing the Legion of Honour on him during his stay on French soil.—Reuter.

## SPEECH DAY AT D.B.S.

Bishop Hall To Be  
Welcomed.

The Diocesan Boys' School will hold a Speech Day on Friday, January 20, at 3.30 p.m., when an official welcome will be extended to the Rt. Rev. R. Owen Hall, B.A., Bishop of Victoria, who is Chairman of the School Committee.

Mr. C. B. R. Sargent (Headmaster) will also have an opportunity of meeting many Old boys and parents whom he has not yet been able to see.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock will be in the Chair. The Bishop and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall have promised to speak. The speeches will be followed by tea and refreshments.

## WANTED IN F.M.S.

Alleged Breach Of  
Trust Of \$4,000.

Under the Fugitive Offenders' Act, Lee Chin-chai, 30 described as a clerk, was brought before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning, accused of a criminal breach of trust of \$4,000 within the jurisdiction of the Government of the Federated Malay States.

Accused who was taken into custody by Detective-Sub-Inspector Rozeksky, was remanded for one week formally.

## CONSTABLE CHARGED.

Alleged Possession Of 50,000  
Heroin Pills.

Police Constable She Ki-chang, of the Hong Kong Police Force, attached to the Anti-Piracy Guards, was brought before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning, charged with the unlawful possession of 50,000 heroin pills. He was arrested aboard the s.s. An Hui.

Defendant was remanded for a week on bail of \$1,000.

The return of notifiable diseases for the week ended January 7 gives the following:—Small-pox, 10 cases, 3 deaths (one imported); diphtheria, 2 cases, 2 deaths; enteric fever, 3 cases, 1 death (one imported); cerebro-spinal fever, 2 cases, 2 deaths; puerperal fever, 1 case; tuberculosis, 55 deaths.

A Great Sherlock Holmes Story.

## The Adventure of SILVER BLAZE

By Sir Arthur  
Conan Doyle.

It was quite twenty minutes, and the reds had all faded into greys before Holmes and the trainer reappeared. Never have I seen such a change as had been brought about in Silas Brown in that short time. His face was ashy pale, beads of perspiration shone upon his brow, and his hands shook until the hunting-crop wagged like a branch in the wind. His bullying, overbearing manner was all gone, too, and he cringed along at my companion's side like a dog with its master.

"Your instructions will be done. It shall be done," said he.

"There must be no mistake," said Holmes, looking round at him. The other winced as he read the menace in his eyes.

"Oh, no, there shall be no mistake. It shall be there. Should I change it first or not?"

Holmes thought a little and then burst out laughing. "No, don't," said he. "I shall write to you about it. No tricks now, or—"

"Oh, you can trust me, you can trust me!"

"You must see to it on the day as if it were your own."

"You can rely upon me."

"Yes, I think I can. Well, you shall hear from me to-morrow." He turned upon his heel, disregarding the trembling hand which the other held out to him, and we set off for King's Pyland.

"A more perfect compound of the bully, coward and sneak than Master Silas Brown I have seldom met with," remarked Holmes, as we trudged along together.

"He has the horse, then?"

"He tried to bluster out of it, but I described to him so exactly what his actions had been upon that he is convinced that I was watching him. Of course, you observed the peculiarly square toes in the impressions, and that his own boots exactly corresponded to them. Again, of course, no subordinate would have dared to have done such a thing. I described to him how, when, according to his custom, he

## H.K. PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

"Fons Juventutis."

"The Fountain of Youth," a comic opera composed by Alfred Reynolds and written by W. Graham Robertson, author of "Pinkie and the Fairies," will be presented this month at the King's Theatre by the Society.

The scene of the opera is laid in the country village of Yongly, and the first of the two acts opens with the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the wedding of Farmer and Mrs. Dalebrook. During the festivities Mr. Dalebrook tells the assembled villagers of the legend of "The Fountain of Youth," which was said to flow from a well in the village, the story asserting that to drink of the water would bring back youth.

With the discovery that the water has again commenced to flow, the excitement runs high, and the fun races on apace.

The tunes are simple and melodious, while the plot is full of amusing and ingenious surprises, and some of the best amateur talent in the Colony has been enlisted to provide the public with an exhilarating and merry evening's entertainment.

The dancing has been placed in the capable hands of Miss Winifred Henderson, and culminates with a special ballet in the 2nd Act which is composed of some of the younger members of Hong Kong's smart set.

Three evening performances are to be given at 9.30 p.m. on January 18th, 20th and 21st, and His Excellency the Governor, who is Patron of the Society has expressed his intention of attending the performance on the 20th. In addition, a matinee will be given at 4.15 p.m. on the 19th to which children will be admitted at half-price to all seats.

It should be noted that the prices which are \$3.00, \$2.00 and \$1.00, and 70 cents for service men are all inclusive of tax, and further, what is believed to be an innovation for Hong Kong, all the seats in the house are bookable. Booking opens on Saturday, January 14th at the Theatre, and the public are enjoined to book early. They may be sure of spending a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony on Tuesday.

was the first down, he perceived a strange horse wandering over the moor; how he went out to it, and his astonishment at recognising from the white forehead which has given the favourite its name that chance had put in his power the only horse which could beat the one upon which he had put his money. Then I described how his first impulse had been to lead him back to King's Pyland, and how the devil had shown him how he could hit the

Sherlock Holmes, in his investigation of the disappearance of Silver Blaze, favourite of the Wesser Cup, from its stable at King's Pyland, and the murder of the horse-trainer, John Straker, has interviewed Silas Brown, trainer at Capleton stables, a neighbouring rival racing establishment. They appear to have had a stormy interview.

Tracks of Silver Blaze and its accompanying man have been found leading to Capleton stable. This fact is not known to Colonel Ross, the owner of the horse, nor to Inspector Gregory, of Scotland Yard, who is the official investigator of the crime. Fitzroy Simpson, a racing man, has been under suspicion.

horse until the race was over, and how he had led it back and concealed it at Capleton. When I told him every detail he gave it up and thought only of saving his own skin.

"But his stables had been searched."

"Oh, an old horse-faker like him has many a dodge."

"But are you not afraid to leave the horse in his power now, since he has every interest in injuring it?"

"My dear fellow, he will guard it as the apple of his eye. He knows that his only hope of mercy is to produce it safe."

"Colonel Ross did not impress me as a man who would be likely to show much mercy in any case."

"The matter does not rest with Colonel Ross. I follow my own methods, and tell as much or as little as I choose. That is the advantage of being unofficial. I don't know whether you observed it, Watson, but the Colonel's manner has been just a trifle cavalier to me. I am inclined now to have a little amusement at his expense. Say nothing to him about the horse."

"Certainly not, without your permission."

"And, of course, this is all quite a minor case compared with the question of who killed John Straker."

"And you will devote yourself to that?"

"On the contrary, we both go back to London by the night train."

I was thunderstruck by my

## TO-MORROW'S STORY.

To-morrow's short story will be "Patterson's Luck" by Rolf Bennett.

friend's words. We had only been a few hours in Devonshire, and that he should give up an investigation which he had begun so brilliantly was quite incomprehensible to me. Not a word more could I draw from him until we were back at the trainer's house. The colonel and the inspector were awaiting us in the parlour.

"My friend and I return to town by the midnight express," said Holmes. "We have had a charming little breath of your beautiful Dartmoor air."

The inspector opened his eyes, and the colonel's lips curled in a sneer.

"So you despair of arresting the murderer of poor Straker," said he.

Holmes shrugged his shoulders. "There are certainly grave difficulties in the way," said he. "I have every hope, however, that your horse will start upon Tuesday, and I beg that you will have your jockey in readiness. Might I ask for a photograph of Mr. John Straker?"

The inspector took one from an envelope in his pocket and handed it to him.

"My dear Gregory, you anticipate all my wants. If I might ask you to wait here for an instant, I have a question which I should like to put to the maid."

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**CLUB SHOULD BEAT THE NAVY.**  
Lammert's Debut On The Wing.  
POINTER TO SIM SHIELD.

The Hong Kong Hockey Club first eleven, who played a goalless draw with the Jats last week in their first match in the 1933 season, are meeting the Royal Navy for the first time in the 1932-33 season, on the Naval ground, King's Park, this afternoon at 5 p.m. The Club are fielding a strong team and should the Navy be at full strength, a good game should be the outcome.

The Club, however, should win. F. E. Lammert, of the Shamen Club, is making his debut on right wing, and his partnership with W. E. Williams, the Welsh International, will be interesting to watch. Williams has been previously partnered by A. E. P. Guest and J. L. Tetley, the latter more often of late. The forward line is strong, but A. T. Lay, on the left wing, will have to display his form brilliantly if he is to maintain his big reputation.

The Navy forward line, which will probably be supplied by the Medway Officers, is consistently good, and J. E. Potter, the Club left half back, will have no easy task in marking Sub-Lieut. Donald, a very speedy right wing. Lt. Currie is another forward who may cause Harold Lee, the Club's goalkeeper, some anxiety.

The Navy's defence is safe, with Lt. Comdr. Higham, one of the finest custodians in the Colony.

The match, incidentally, will serve as a pointer to the Sim Shield series, which are due to commence in the middle of next month.

The Club will line out as follows—H. W. Lee; J. Rodger, E. V. Reed; W. A. Reed, A. A. Dand (Captain), J. E. Potter; F. E. Lammert, W. E. Williams, G. E. R. Divett, C. C. Francis, and A. T. Lay.

**UNIVERSITY SHOULD BEAT SERVICE CORPS.**

The University will play their tenth game in the Makak Tournament when they meet the R.A.S.C. at Sookunpoo this afternoon, at 4 p.m.

In P. G. Tang, A. J. M. Rodrigues and A. J. Basto, the University have a solid defence, while O. de Sousa, is a very dashing leader of the forward line. Funnell, in goal for the Service Corps, is safe. Lt. Mayell, who has been playing on the left wing, will be seen at right-half back. Flood is an absentee from the forward line, and this may have some adverse effect on the Corps' combination.

**HOCKEY DANCE.**

The Hong Kong Ladies Hockey Club are holding their fifth annual dance at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant tonight at 9 p.m.

**R. A. AND HERMES DRAW.**

The Royal Artillery failed to take advantage of three penalty kicks in their game with H.M.S. Hermes in the Semi-Final Round of the United Services Senior Football Shield competition yesterday, and were forced to a draw of 3 goals-all. Taylor (2) and Brooks scored for the Hermes in the first half while Moore registered the "hat trick" in the second half.

**C. M. SEQUEIRA CARRIES OFF PRESIDENT'S CUP.**

Fourth Successive Year.

C. M. Sequeira retained the President's Cup when he won the second match of the play off in the senior championship of the Kowloon Chess Club. This is the fourth successive year that Sequeira has won the trophy.

P. Yanovich beat A. Prata, and J. Easton beat H. H. Bush in the Junior Championship.

**NAVY TO PLAY SELECTED XI AT SOCCER**

The Royal Navy have been invited to field a soccer team to oppose the selected side in the first Interport Trial which will be played on January 12 on the Club ground at 4 p.m. sharp.

Mr. Caswell, R.A., will referee and Messrs. Brown and Fieldhouse will act as linesmen.

**PRESENTATION TO G.C. HARRISON AT KOWLOON C.C. CONCERT**

The Kowloon Cricket Club are holding a concert to-morrow night at 9 p.m. and will take the opportunity for distributing the prizes won at tennis, bowls and cricket during 1931-32, and also of making a presentation to Mr. G. C. Harrison, one of the oldest members of the Club, who is leaving for home on retirement on Saturday by the P. & O. Ranchi.

**ST. JOSEPH'S TEAM FOR THE PHILIPPINES**  
A. V. Gosano To Captain Strong Combination.  
MANILA'S CARNIVAL WEEK.

The following players from the St. Joseph's Recreation Club have obtained leave to travel to Manila with the St. Joseph's team.

R. Marques;  
S. Souza;  
L. Gomes;  
N. Beltrao;  
V. Costa;  
I. Fernandez;  
A. Ward;  
D. Leonard;  
A. V. Gosano (Captain);  
B. Gosano;  
M. Sabhan.

Reserves:—E. Lawrence (back), F. G. Victor (half back) and L. Souza (forward).

It will be recalled that the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation extended an invitation to the St. Joseph's Football Club to send a representative team to Manila in order to participate in the Carnival week and also to arouse football enthusiasm in the Philippines in view of the decision to enter a team from the Islands in the Berlin Olympic Games in 1936.

Mr. A. V. Gosano of Interport fame will captain the team while Messrs. C. A. Goldenberg, manager and R. M. Omar, trainer will also accompany the team.

The team will leave Hong Kong on the Empress of Asia on February 3, and will return by the same ship on February 21.

**YACHTING INTERPORT CANCELLED**

Hong Kong will not have the opportunity for defending the Grist Yachting Shield against the Shanghai invasion. Three of the four selected Shanghai team now find that they will be unable to make the trip to the Colony, and the 1933 fixture has thus been abandoned.

**Y.M.C.A. LOSE**  
Weak Side Succumb To H.K.S.R.A.  
AFTER SCORING FIRST.

ON the R. A. ground Kowloon the H.K.S.R.A. defeated the Y.M.C.A. by the odd goal in three after being on level terms at the interval.

Fowler gave the "Y" the lead as the result of a neat shot in a scrum in the R. A. goalmouth, but almost from the bully off the Indian right wing netted the equaliser.

In the second half the "Y" had quite their fair share of the exchanges but were unable to score. The Indian centre-forward netted the winning goal with a magnificent shot from a difficult angle after a solo effort. The Y.M.C.A. were not at full strength and found the sand ground a great disadvantage after continued practice on grass pitches.

Y.M.C.A.—L. D. Skinner; E. Owen, E. O. Murphy; E. F. Sell; R. A. Bates (Captain); R. Dormer; W. Stoker; G. C. Burnett; W. J. Bruns; G. H. Fowler and T. J. Price.

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**SOUTHPORT PLAYER IN CLUB SIDE.**  
"A" Should Beat Kent At Rugby.

**TWO INTERPORTERS IN SIDE.**

The Club "A" should defeat H. M. S. Kent in today's Rugby match at the Valley at 5.15 p.m.

E. Walkden, the former Southport player, will be making his second appearance for the Club, and C. Austin, the Shanghai Interport hooker will also be assisting the Club pack. The civilians are fielding two of the selected Colony team in R. Cherrill and W. E. Peers.

The following is the Club side:—A. F. Jenkins; R. Goldman; L. Goldman; S. J. H. Fox and A. H. Harbord; A. D. Lawson and A. W. Torrible; W. Cochran, C. Austin, R. Stilliard, F. R. Burch, A. Nigel R. Cherrill, W. E. Peers and E. Walkden.

Reserves:—L. Skinner and S. H. Garrod.

**SHANGHAI SOCCER TEAM DUE ON JAN. 23**

The Shanghai Interport Football team will leave on the President Hoover, sailing on January 21 from Shanghai and arriving in Hong Kong on January 23.

The team will leave Hong Kong for Shanghai on the same ship on January 31.

**C. S. C. C. TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.**

The following will represent the Civil Service Cricket Club in friendly matches against the Craigengower Cricket on Saturday:—

1st XI at home:—J. E. Richardson (captain), J. Barrow, N. J. Bebbington, B. D. Evans, B. C. K. Hawkins, E. W. Hamilton, E. B. Reed, R. A. J. Simpson, H. E. Strange, H. G. Wellington and R. M. Wood.

2nd XI Away:—F. J. Ling (captain), F. H. Holdman, E. F. Buttress, P. D. Crawley, F. E. Matthews, J. F. McGowan, A. W. Grimmett, S. Randle, R. G. Robertson, C. Strange, and R. B. Wood.

**COMBINED SCHOOLS' XI.**

The following have been selected to play for the Combined Schools Cricket XI against Mr. G. R. Sayer's XI on the Civil Service ground on Sunday at 2 p.m.:—

J. L. Youngs (captain), J. Sharpham (C.B.S.), A. J. Hulse (D.B.S.), A. Zimmern (D.B.S.), E. Frith (D.B.S.), M. el Arculli (Q.C.), C. Lee (Q.C.), S. Lee (Q.C.), A. A. Ramjahn (St. J.), G. Windsor (St. J.), and G. Souza (St. J.).

Twelfth man: B. D. Lay (D.B.S.).

**OPEN BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT.**

The Chinese Amateur Athletic Association are staying an Open Billiards Tournament for a Silver Bowl presented by Mr. Mok Ying Kwai. Entries close on February 25.

**Two World Records Shattered**

**Over 800 Miles At 112.5 m.p.h.**

ONE hundred and ten miles northeast of Los Angeles in the Mohave valley is the dried bed of Lake Muroc. On this ancient lake bed in the desert is a five-mile race course, surveyed in a perfect circle. Here on the morning of August 16, Ralph De Palma, veteran race driver with twenty-five years of racing experience, at the wheel of his Miller-Special shattered two world records, three American records, and hung up a new record for speed, distance, and endurance. Even more remarkable than these records is that for the first time in racing car history, since high speed motors of over 4,000 r.p.m. have been driven, he lubricated his motor with a commercially available motor oil—Mobiloil—instead of the usual highly compounded oils which race drivers have been using.

De Palma was out for more than a record. He was out to prove the stamina of a commercially available oil in lubricating his motor—a stamina which "race" drivers had always credited to specially compounded oils alone. Despite this tradition—and most "race" drivers are somewhat superstitious—despite the blistering heat and the alkali dust that seared the paint and corroded the steel and aluminum of his Miller-Special, despite a combination of throat-parching, eye-reddening fine sand alkali, De Palma drove on, his motor lubricated with Mobiloil.

Among the records broken by this run are the 350-mile American record of 101.16 miles an hour, the 500-kilometer International record of about 105 miles an hour made at Indianapolis, the 1,000-kilometer International record hung up in England, and, in addition, the establishment of a new record of 830 miles in 7 hours, 22 minutes, 55.8 seconds.

One of the remarkable facts observed was that the oil consumption actually was fifty per cent. lower than the engineers supervising the test originally estimated. Another fact, noted in the course of the run, was that the oil and the motor temperatures had risen from 160 degrees at the start to only 190 degrees at the end of the run. Moreover, the oil pressure, which showed 160 pounds at the start fell down to only 140 pounds. According to Mr. De Palma, so small a falling-off in oil pressure is unprecedented in his driving experience. Usually he considers it fortunate to have 50 pounds of oil pressure at the end of a run.

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**Sporting Activities For Week**

TO-DAY	TO-MORROW
Billiards—Open Championship F. Brimblecombe v. C. P. O. Simmonds (St. Patrick's Club, 8.30 p.m.)	Billiards—Open Championship J. A. da Luz v. D. C. Durian (St. Patrick's Club, 8.30 p.m.)
Chess Victoria Chess Club v. German Club (5.15 p.m.)	Lawn Tennis Ladies' R.C. American Tournament (2.30 p.m.)
Hockey—Mamak Tournament University v. R.A.S.C. (Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)	Miscellaneous—Presentation of Prizes at K.C.C.
Friendly Matches Hong Kong Hockey Club seniors v. Navy (U.S.R.C. ground, 5 p.m.)	FRIDAY
Hunting Fanning Hunt Hounds Meet (Kennels) (5.15 p.m.)	Billiards—Steel Coilson League C. & P.O.'s Club v. Royal Artillery Sgts. Police Club v. St. Patrick's
Rugby Club "A" v. Kent (Valley 5.15 p.m.)	Royal Engineers' Sgts. v. Palace Hotel Garrison Sgts. v. S. W. Borders' Sgts. Boxing—China Fleet Championships (Lee Theatre)
	Hockey—Mamak Tournament Police v. 12th Battery (Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)
	Friendly Match Hong Kong Hockey Club v. Lincolnshire Regiment (U.S.R.C. ground, 5 p.m.)
	SATURDAY
	Billiards—Open Championship L. A. Osmund v. C. P. O. Barwis (St. Patrick's Club, 8.30 p.m.)
	Cricket—First Division Indian R. C. v. Navy (F) Hong Kong C. C. v. University (F) Army v. Kowloon C.C. (F)
	Second Division Kowloon C. C. v. Police (L) University v. Hong Kong C.C. (L) Navy v. Indian R. C. (F) Craigengower C.C. v. Civil Service (F)
	Hockey—Caer Clark Cup "Y" Ladies v. Hong Kong Ladies Central British Association v. St. Andrew's
	Mamak Tournament Phoenix v. German Club (Caroline Hill, 3 p.m.)
	Parthian v. Radio Sports (King's Park, 4 p.m.)
	Lawn Tennis Entries close for Hong Kong C.C. Open Championships.
	Rugby—Triangular Tournament Navy v. Club (Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)
	Football—Lai Wah Cup Army v. Civilians (Sookunpoo, 8.30)
	Second Division South China v. Eastern (Caroline Hill, 2.30)
	Navy v. Kowloon (Kowloon, 2.30)
	St. Joseph's v. Taung Tain (St. Joseph's, 2.30)
	Club v. Borderers (Club, 2.30)
	Lincoln v. Athletic (Chatham Rd., 2.30)
	Artillery v. Ewo (Valley 2.30)
	Third Division St. Joseph's v. Signals (St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.)
	Athletic v. Records (Valley, 4 p.m.)
	South China v. University (Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
	Lincoln v. Radio (Chatham Rd., 4 p.m.)



# SPORT PAGE

## THE RETURN OF THE GROUSE PLEASES

City Brisbane In Good Shape.

THE track was on the heavy side this morning and no outstanding gallops were clocked. The feature of the morning's training was the return of The Grouse, which was taken out by Mr. Frost.

Tucked away for the past eight months the 1931 winner of the Subscription Griffins Champions gave a very encouraging display and looks as if it may bring off a surprise or two at the Annual Meeting.

City of Brisbane, Mr. Rafeek's new Australian, went very well in a canter over 1½ miles and looks a good thing.

## NATIONAL CHALLENGERS FROM ABROAD

Mate, U.S. 4 Year-Old For England.

TWENTY GRAND ALSO.

(By AJAX).

I AM not so intrigued by the news that Mate, the American four-year-old, is coming to this country as I should have been twelve months ago. He ran some wonderful races as a three-year-old, but did not quite sustain the form this year.

Equipose, Twenty Grand and Mate had some stirring bouts as three-year-olds, and each in turn was the winner. A friend of mine who was in America and saw some of the races told me that Twenty Grand was more of the type to do well in England. He described Mate as one of the wiry sort, but rather doubted whether he would hold his own against the best in this country.

It is a sporting enterprise on the part of Mr. A. C. Bostwick, the elder of the two brothers, who are due in this country before the end of the month, to have Mate sent to England. Everything will depend on whether Mate can regain his former excellence. If my information is correct, the hard races he had in his second season may have left some effect, but there is no saying what a change of air may do, writes Ajax in *The Evening Standard*. One thing which must be conceded is that Mate was a high-class three-year-old.

There will probably be several challengers from abroad for the Grand National—a race which has achieved a world-wide reputation. Already there is in England the American horse, Trouble Maker. He has made the journey specially to take his chance in the big Liverpool race next spring.

Mrs. Somerville, the owner, may have been inspired by the success of her horse in the Billy Barton Steeplechase. It will readily be recalled that Billy Barton looked like winning the Grand National until he fell at the last fence, and all sporting America was excited over that great attempt.

They named a race after him, though people who knew their racing understood how little he had to do with only the tubed Tipperary Tim left standing when the last obstacle was approached. Yet in his own country Billy Barton achieved considerable fame. I understand Trouble Maker is a big horse, standing round about 17 hands high, but I want to see him show his paces before passing an opinion on him.

Remus Fit Again.

Frank Morgan was telling me the other day that he has got Remus sound again and is hopeful that the gelding will stand a preparation. It was rather curious that a few days later I heard of a horse of the same name who has done particularly well on the Continent. It is even rumoured that he will be entered for the Grand National. We shall soon know just how many foreign horses there are in the Grand National. From a sporting point of view, the more the merrier.

## Macao Should Give Good Dividends

Subscription Griffins Have First Try-out

OVER FIVE FURLONGS

(By RAPIER).

THE APPEARANCE OF the new Macao subscription griffins will feature Sunday's meeting of the Macao Jockey Club.

With form almost at a discount in the third and fourth events on the card of seven races during punters may be fortunate enough to land on a three-figure dividend, and a thoroughly interesting afternoon is assured.

The Subs are being divided into two races both of which will be over five furlongs, and there should be at least eight or nine starters in each event.

The following are the entries for the subscription Griffins' races, the Speedy Plate, together with the names of the owners and the handicaps:—

Adamastor (143)—Mr. A. da Luz.  
Agua Pura (149)—Mr. J. M. Braga.  
Battling Horse (149)—Messrs. Li Tai-fong and F. Y. Wong.  
Bird (146)—Mr. S. A. Lopes.  
Bold Lad (149)—Mr. Wong Ping-shuen.  
Brave Chap (149)—Mr. Mok Hing-wing.  
Brutus (149)—Messrs. Y. M. Lo and S. W. Liang.  
Carnation II. (146)—Mr. H. H. Priestley.  
Cheerful Sun (149)—Mr. F. I. Ko.  
Good Morning (149)—Mr. K. H. Kay.  
Green Jade (149)—Chico Stable.  
Jackie (146)—Miss Lowcock.  
Kwangchow (149)—Mr. Y. W. Fung.  
Ontario (late The Golden Star) (152)—Lan Stable.  
Overall (146)—Pal Stable.  
Rosebud (149)—Mr. W. Y. Chan.  
Sakate (149)—Mr. A. M. L. Soares.  
Shimmy II. (149)—Mr. Yew Man-Kit.  
So On (149)—H.E. the Governor of Macao.  
Three Swords II. (149)—Mr. Mok Hing-wing.

Mrs. L. Dunbar is not entering Ardal, the newcomer to her stable, while Mr. G. H. Potts has taken the same course with his pony. Miss Fearon's Smiling Commander, Messrs. Li and Li's Glen Gairn, and Messrs. H. M. Kew and Y. T. King's Happy Man are other owners to hold back their ponies from the first test.

The following are the entries for the other five events with their handicaps and 1932 official record on the Macao track:—

The New Year Handicap—6 Furlongs.

Allwell (147) (1 second, 1 third, 2 unplaced).  
Blue Plane (147) (1 first, 1 second, 4 unplaced).  
Bold Lad (149) (—).  
Common (160) (2 unplaced).  
Dashaway (140) (1 second, 4 unplaced).  
Drian (150) (2 wins, 2 unplaced).  
Genghis Khan (140) (7 unplaced).  
Whitehall (140) (1 third 3 unplaced).

The Good Health Handicap "D" Class—1½ Miles.

Gold Mine (144) (1 third).  
Golden Star (140) (1 unplaced).  
Just Imagine (148) (1 third 3 unplaced).  
Powerful King (154) (1 first, 2 seconds, 3 unplaced).  
Wakefield (153) (1 first, 1 unplaced).  
Valley Hall (147) (1 first, 1 second, 3 unplaced).

The Good Luck Handicap "E" Class—One Mile.

Banjollina (160) (1 first, 1 second).  
Blue Plane (above).  
Buchanan (144) (1 first, 1 third).  
Cabinet Hall (148) (1 first, 3 unplaced).  
City of Shanghai (148) (1 unplaced).  
Drian (above).  
Esby (144) (1 first, 1 third).  
Fighting Blood (144) (3 unplaced).  
Imperial Hall (144) (2 unplaced).  
Sanction (148) (1 unplaced).  
Tien Feng Shan (143) (2 firsts, 2 thirds, 2 unplaced).  
Until Then (140) (—).

Ladies' Race (Unofficial)—Six Furlongs.

Dashaway (141) (above).  
Imperial Hall (143) (above).  
Orlando (151) (1 first, 1 second, 1 unplaced).  
Powerful King (147) (above).  
Pride of Teintao (152) (—).  
Tom Thumb (140) (1 unplaced).  
Until Then (140) (—).

The Good Chance Handicap—One Mile.

Blue Plane (143) (above).  
Bold Lad (149).  
Drian (150) (above).  
Good Morning (149) (—).  
Jingo (143) (1 first, 2 seconds, 3 thirds, 2 unplaced).  
New King (160) (3 firsts, 1 second, 1 third, 3 unplaced).  
Overall (146) (—).  
Pure Music (163) (3 firsts, 2 thirds, 1 unplaced).  
Tien Feng Shan (152) (above).  
Venturous (160) (2 firsts, 1 second, 1 unplaced).

It is disappointing that Mr. Leo Frost, the champion jockey, will not be riding at Macao. Mr. E. O. Butler will be another absentee owing to illness, and others who will be missed are Mr. F. M. L. Soares and Mr. J. E. Noronha.

Mr. A. L. Caplan will be riding in every event except the Ladies' Race, his mounts being New King, Fighting Blood, Agua Pura, Battling Horse, Bold Lad and Gold Mine. He has a very good chance of pulling it off on New King in the Good Chance Handicap.

Mr. S. N. Pan, second only to Mr. Frost on the Valley track, will be riding the entries from the Lo Stable, and Mr. D. Black, who returned such a substantial dividend on Valley Hall at the last Macao Meeting, will be riding So On and Until Then. Mr. R. A. Carroll is taking out Jingo.

## Racing Notes From Abroad

Another London Racecourse?

THE fate of the application, now before the Middlesex County Council, for a licence for a new racecourse at Park Royal will be awaited with much interest. Although Alexandra Park is now the only course left in the metropolitan area, there have been many attempts to cater for the London racegoer.

Early in the last century there was racing at Belsize House, Hampstead Heath, and the Spa Gardens, Bermondsey. Two attempts were also made about the same time to establish racing at Sadler's Wells.

In 1837 a racecourse was laid out in the valley below Notting-hill. The course, starting in what is now Portland-road, was about 2¼ miles long. On the outside of "the flat" was a steeplechase course, with natural fences and brooks.

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Suburban Meetings. ABOUT the middle of the last century racecourses began to spring up all over the suburbs. Harrow, Streatham, West Drayton, Kingsbury, Egham, Bromley and Croydon all had regular fixtures.

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Canadian \$ Story. IN Canada they are still telling about Nels Stewart, the ice hockey star, and his adventure on the turf this Summer. He was at the Blue Bonnets track when a friend strolled up to him and asked: "Have you got a dollar?" "Yes, I have a dollar," said Nels, and his tone indicated that he expected to remain in possession of the dollar.

"Come with me," said the friend, and then he led Nels over to the stables. An owner named Curtin had checked up on the price of oats and hay and had decided that retrenchment was the watch-word. He had a horse for sale and the price was \$1. The horse was Nipigon, sired by Boniface, and about all that could be said about it was that it had four legs, one on each corner, and a gentle disposition.

Against his better judgment, the centre-ice brave was persuaded to part company with his dollar and walk off with the horse. He had to walk slowly in order not to distance his new horse.

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Living Up To Form.

THERE was a race called the King's Plate at Blue Bonnets (50 guineas to the winner) and when the starters paraded to the post, Nels Stewart's gallant Nipigon was one of them. Others were Tout Feu and Step Off horses that were expected to win the race.

The story should be that the gallant Nipigon broke fast, took the rail and coasted home to a glorious victory, but, alas, Nipigon ran strictly to form. Tout Feu and Logwood went dashing ahead with Step On in their wake. Nipigon was far behind, displaying the grace of a clothes-horse. Over the speed of a clothes-horse. Over by the stretch rail Nels Stewart shrugged his shoulders and said: "If they start that next race on time my horse will be caught in a jam."

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Perfect Rodeo. NELS gave up too soon. With Tout Feu and Logwood running neck and neck, the jockeys decided to settle the race themselves. They exchanged slashes with their whips and each endeavoured to pull the saddle-cloth from under the other. They banged the horses together until it looked like a rodeo act. They swept under the wire going through a Cosack wrestling match on horseback and were promptly disqualified by the stewards. "Stop Off," as one of the entries was ruled out with "Tout Feu." Rambling along a furlong back came Nipigon, the lone star of the Nels Stewart Stable, to take first prize from a fourth place and to prove that, in these days, a dollar will go a long way if properly invested.



THE steeplechasing season invariably brings its crop of falls. Our picture depicts D. Williams taking a tumble from Mrs. R. Fellowes' "Ruin" at the open ditch in the Lonsdale Handicap Steeplechases at Hurst Park, Surrey.

## 1933 SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS

POTENTIAL WINNERS OF VALLEY STAKES

(By FALCON.)

[SPECIAL TO THE CHINA MAIL.]

THE subscription griffins which arrived here on November 22 are not bad, but there is no Racing Boy or Bistre among them, and it looks very much as though last year's ponies will win the open races such as The Garrison Cup and the Royal Navy Cup at the Annual Meeting.

Spring Field, a bay of 13.2 hands, is considered by many as the pick of the first batch. He certainly can move, and his connections are taking him over long distances to make sure he can stay.

In discussing the subscription griffins of 1933, one must regret the fact that the ponies arrived in Hong Kong in two batches and that the second batch arrived in Hong Kong at such a late date that they will not be able to participate at the forthcoming Annual Race Meeting. The decision to bar these ponies from racing next month is a wise one, the more so, since the Stewards have very justly reserved some of the bigger subscription races for the Easter race meeting.

Last year the number of subs. accepting for the Wong Nei Chong stakes were so heavy that the race had to be divided into two sections, but this will not be necessary this time as the number of subs. in training would just about make up the fields in the Wong Nei Chong and Valley Stakes.

For the present, nothing is known of the quality of the new arrivals except that No. 177 has attracted some attention and might turn out to be a good one in due course. Later in the training season it is hoped to give readers some idea as to their capabilities.

Of the batch that arrived in Hong Kong on November 22, some are making very good progress. Mrs. Pearce's Gold Bridge looks very good, and the pony is steadily developing into a useful candidate for some of the shorter races. The "Dynasty" stable has drawn a good pony in King Salmon and between this one and Gold Bridge, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce ought to be able to win several good races during the season.

LADY OWNERS FORTUNATE. Lady owners seem to have all the luck of the draw this time as Mrs. Dunbar has drawn a fairly good one in Klickit. With the

careful nursing that Klickit is sure to get from the "Dunbar" trainers, the pony ought to be able to do quite well.

Mrs. Tinson's Hey Tor, a dun pony of 13.2 hands, is also showing plenty of promise. Here is a pony which is likely to win a number of races at the Extra Meetings, as he has the makings of a stay-at-home, and there are always plenty of races for such ponies. Another lady-owner with a good candidate is Mrs. Lowcock, who has drawn Black Rock, a black pony of 13.2 hands. This animal is something to remember for the Valley Stakes! Mr. Dunbar must have been disappointed with his pony which he named Poverty Bay, but the pony is not by any means a poor performer.

The Hong Kong Bank sub, The Goat, is an outstanding one and has both speed and stamina. He is putting in useful work on the training track and is sure to be in great trim by the Annual Race Meeting. Remember The Goat.

One of the best lookers among this year's importations is Charming Face from the Samson stable. The pony is a bay of 13.2 hands and has plenty of "go" in him. He steps out beautifully and looks very classy indeed. Charming Face's

## New Year Meeting At Kwanti Seven Events

THE Chinese New Year Meeting at Kwanti should prove an enjoyable one as the seven events arranged by the Fanling Hunt and Race Club include steeplechasing and hurdle races in the usual programme of flat racing. The full programme for the Meeting, which will be held on Sunday, January 20, is as follows:

Hunters' Hurdle Race. (Unofficial). Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. For China Ponies approved by the Master as Hunters. Weight 168 lbs. Master's Certificate to be forward with Entry. Entrance fee 5. 1¼ miles. The United Services' Steeplechase (Unofficial).

Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. For China Ponies bona fide property of, and to be ridden by Officers of H.M.'s Forces. Weight 168 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. 1¼ miles.

China New Year Hurdle Race. Winner \$200. Second \$100. For Ponies as per scale. Winners in Inches as per scale. Winners since 1st Oct. 1932 of a Hurdle Race 10 lbs. penalty. Ponies that have started since 1st Oct. 1932 and have not won allowed 5 lbs. Jockey Allowance. Entrance fee \$5. 1¼ miles.

China New Year Steeplechase. Winner \$200. Second \$100. Third \$50. For China Ponies Weight for Inches as per scale. Winners since 1st Oct. 1932 of a steeplechase 10 lbs. penalty. Ponies that have started since 1st Oct. 1932 and have not won allowed 5 lbs. Jockey Allowance. Entrance fee \$5. 1¼ miles.

Ladies' Dash. (Unofficial). Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. For China Ponies classified by the Hong Kong Jockey Club as "E" Class, that have not, at time of entry, won more than \$1,000 in Stakes, since 1st Jan. 1932. Weight 150 lbs. Ladies who have not won a flat race allowed 10 lbs. No Whips or spurs. Entrance fee \$5. ½ mile. The "M.I." China New Year Steeplechase (Unofficial).

Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. For China Ponies Certified by the O.C. & M.C.T. H.K.V.D.C. as Regular Troop Ponies. Weight for Inches as per Scale. Winners of any Steeplechase or Hurdle race, including Unofficial, 10 lbs. penalty. To be ridden by Members of the Troop. Entrance fee \$5. China New Year Handicap. Winner \$200. Second \$100. Third \$50. For China Ponies classified by the Hong Kong Jockey Club as "E" Class. Entrance fee \$5. Six Furlongs.

training performances are not at all bad.

Messrs. Mackle & Grayburn have a good candidate in Swale, a blue dun of 13.2 hands 2 inches. The pony is a nice mover and should be watched during the training season.

TRAINING METHODS. Heather Leaf is not bad and Iron Grey belonging to Mr. Hau Un, ought to attract attention at the Annual Meeting.

Ta Peasite may figure prominently in the big meeting as already he is returning good times on the sand track.

Just a word about the training of these ponies. It has been noticed that quite a few riding boys are anxious to put their mounts through their paces even at this early date. They usually put the pony through a fast half mile and then allow the poor animal to straggle home. Even the best ponies can be spoiled by this sort of training and owners should put a stop to this sort of thing whenever they get to know of it.

FOOTBALL SUPPLEMENT in To-morrow's China Mail

## SUGGESTIONS FOR MACAO

The following ponies will be worth watching at the Macao Meeting:

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Good Health Handicap—Powerful King, Valley Hall and Gold Mine.

Good Luck Handicap—Banjollina, Imperial Hall and Esby.

Ladies' Race—Orlando.

Good Chance Handicap—New King, Pure Music and Jingo.

Pride of Teintao, which would have easily won the Ladies' Race, has been withdrawn.





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## "SILVER BLAZE"

(Continued from page 7.)

"I must say that I am rather disappointed in our London consultant," said Colonel Ross, bluntly, as my friend left the room. "I do not see that we are any further than when he came."

"At least you have his assurance that your horse will run," I said. "Yes, I have his assurance," said the Colonel, with a shrug of his shoulders. "I should prefer to have the horse."

I was about to make some reply in defence of my friend, when he entered the room again.

"Now, gentlemen," said he, "I am quite ready for Tavistock."

As we stepped into the carriage one of the stable lads held the door open for us. A sudden idea seemed to occur to Holmes, for he leaned forward and touched the lad upon the sleeve.

"You have a few sheep in the paddock," he said. "Who attends to them?"

"I do sir."

"Have you noticed anything amiss with them of late?"

"Well, sir, not of much account; but three of them have gone lame, sir."

I could see that Holmes was extremely pleased, for he chuckled and rubbed his hands together. "A long shot, Watson—a very long shot!" said he, pinching my arm. "Gregory, let me recommend to your attention this singular epidemic among the sheep. Drive on, coachman!"

Colonel Ross still wore an expression which showed the poor opinion which he had formed of my companion's ability, but I saw by the inspector's face that his attention had been keenly aroused.

"You consider that to be important?" he asked.

"Exceedingly so."

"Is there any other point to which you would wish to draw my attention?"

"To the curious incident of the dog in the night-time."

"The dog did nothing in the night-time."

"That was the curious incident," remarked Sherlock Holmes.

Four days later Holmes and I were again in the train bound for Winchester, to see the race for the Wessex Cup, Colonel Ross met us, by appointment, outside the station, and we drove in his drag to the course beyond the town. His face was grave and his manner was cold in the extreme.

"I have seen nothing of my horse," said he.

"I suppose that you would know him when you saw him?" asked Holmes.

The Colonel was very angry. "I have been on the turf for twenty years and never was asked such a question as that before," said he.

"A child would know Silver Blaze with his white forehead and his mottled off foreleg."

"How is the betting?"

"Well, that is the curious part of it. You could have got 15 to 1 yesterday, but the price has become shorter and shorter, until you can hardly get 5 to 1 now."

"Hm!" said Holmes. "Somebody knows something, that is clear!"

As the drag drew up in the enclosure near the grand stand I placed at the card to see the entries. It ran:

Wessex Plate. 50 sovs. each, half forfeit, with 1000 sovs. added, for four and five-year-olds. Second £300, third £200. New course (one mile and five furlongs).

1. Mr. Heath Newton's The Negro (red cap, cinnamon jacket).

2. Colonel Wardlaw's Pugilist (pink cap, blue and black jacket).

3. Lord Backwater's Desborough (yellow cap and sleeves).

4. Colonel Ross's Silver Blaze (black cap, red jacket).

5. Duke of Balmoral's Iris (yellow and black stripes).

6. Lord Singleford's Rasper (purple cap, black sleeves).

"We scratched our other one and put all hopes on your word," said the colonel. "Why, what is that?"

"Silver Blaze favourite?"

"Five to four against Silver Blaze!" roared the ring. "Five to four against Silver Blaze! Fifteen to five against Desborough. Five to four on the field!"

"There are the numbers up," I cried. "They are all six there."

"All six there! Then my horse is running, cried the colonel, in great agitation. "But I don't see him. My colours have not passed."

"Only five have passed. This must be he. As I spoke a powerful bay horse swept out from the weighing enclosure and cantered past us, bearing on its back the well-known black and red of the colonel."

"That's not my horse," cried the owner. "That beast has not a white hair upon its body. What is this that you have done, Mr. Holmes?"

"Well, well, let us see how he gets on," said my friend, imperturbably. For a few minutes he gazed through my field-glass.

"Capital! An excellent start!" he cried suddenly. "There they are, coming round the curve!"

From our drag we had a superb view as they came up the straight. The six horses were so close together that a carpet could have covered them, but half way up the yellow of the Capleton stable showed to the front. Before they reached us, however, Desborough's bolt was shot, and the Colonel's horse, coming away with a rush, passed the post a good six lengths before its rival, the Duke of Balmoral's Iris making a bad third.

"It's my race anyhow," gasped the Colonel, passing his hand over his eyes. "I confess that I can make neither head nor tail of it. Don't you think that you have kept up your mystery long enough, Mr. Holmes?"

"Certainly, Colonel, you shall know everything. Let us all go round and have a look at the horse together. Here he is," he continued, as we made our way into the weighing enclosure where only owners and their friends find admittance. "You have only to wash his face and his leg in spirits of wine and you will find that he is the same old Silver Blaze as ever."

"You take my breath away!"

"I found him in the hands of a fakir, and took the liberty of running him just as he was sent over."

"My dear Sir, you have done wonders. The horse looks very fit and well. It never went better in its life. I owe you a thousand apologies for having doubted your ability. You have done me a great service by recovering my horse. You could do me a greater still if you could lay your hands on the murderer of John Straker."

"I have done so," said Holmes quietly.

The Colonel and I stared at him in amazement. "You have got him! Where is he, then?"

"He is here."

"Here! Where?"

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The Colonel flushed angrily. "I quite recognise that I am under obligations to you, Mr. Holmes," said he, "but I must regard what you have just said as either a very bad joke or an insult."

Sherlock Holmes laughed. "I assure you that I have not associated you with the crime, Colonel," said he; "the real murderer is standing immediately behind you!"

He stepped past and laid his hand upon the glossy neck of the thoroughbred.

"The horse!" cried both the Colonel and myself.

"Yes, the horse. And it may lessen his guilt if I say that it was done in self-defence, and that John Straker was a man who was entirely unworthy of your confidence."

But there goes the bell; and as I stand to win a little on this next race I shall defer a more lengthy explanation until a more fitting time."

We had the corner of a Pullman car to ourselves that evening as we whirled back to London, and I fancy that the journey was a short one to Colonel Ross as well as to myself, as we listened to our companion's narrative of the events which had occurred at the Dartmoor training stables upon that Monday night, and the means by which he had unravelled them.

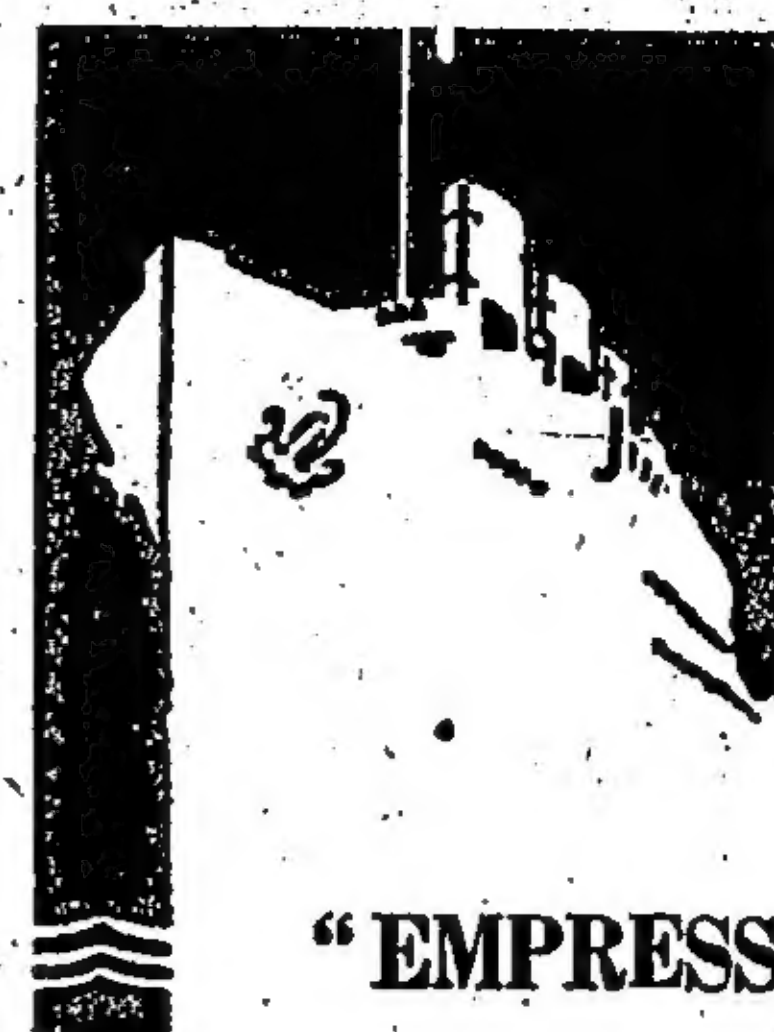
"I confess," said he, "that any theories which I had formed from the newspaper reports were entirely erroneous. And yet there were indications there, had they not been overlaid by other details which concealed their true import. I went to Devonshire with the conviction that Fitzroy Simpson was the true culprit, although, of course, I saw that the evidence against him was by no means complete."

"It was while I was in the carriage, just as we reached the trainer's house, that the immense significance of the carried mutton occurred to me. You may remember that I was distracted, and remained sitting after you had all alighted. I was marvelling in my own mind how I could possibly have overlooked so obvious a clue."

"I confess," said the Colonel, "that even now I cannot see how it helps us."

"It was the first link in my chain of reasoning. Powdered opium is by no means tasteless. The flavour is not disagreeable. Were it mixed with any ordinary dish, the eater would undoubtedly detect it, and would probably eat no more. A curry was exactly the medium

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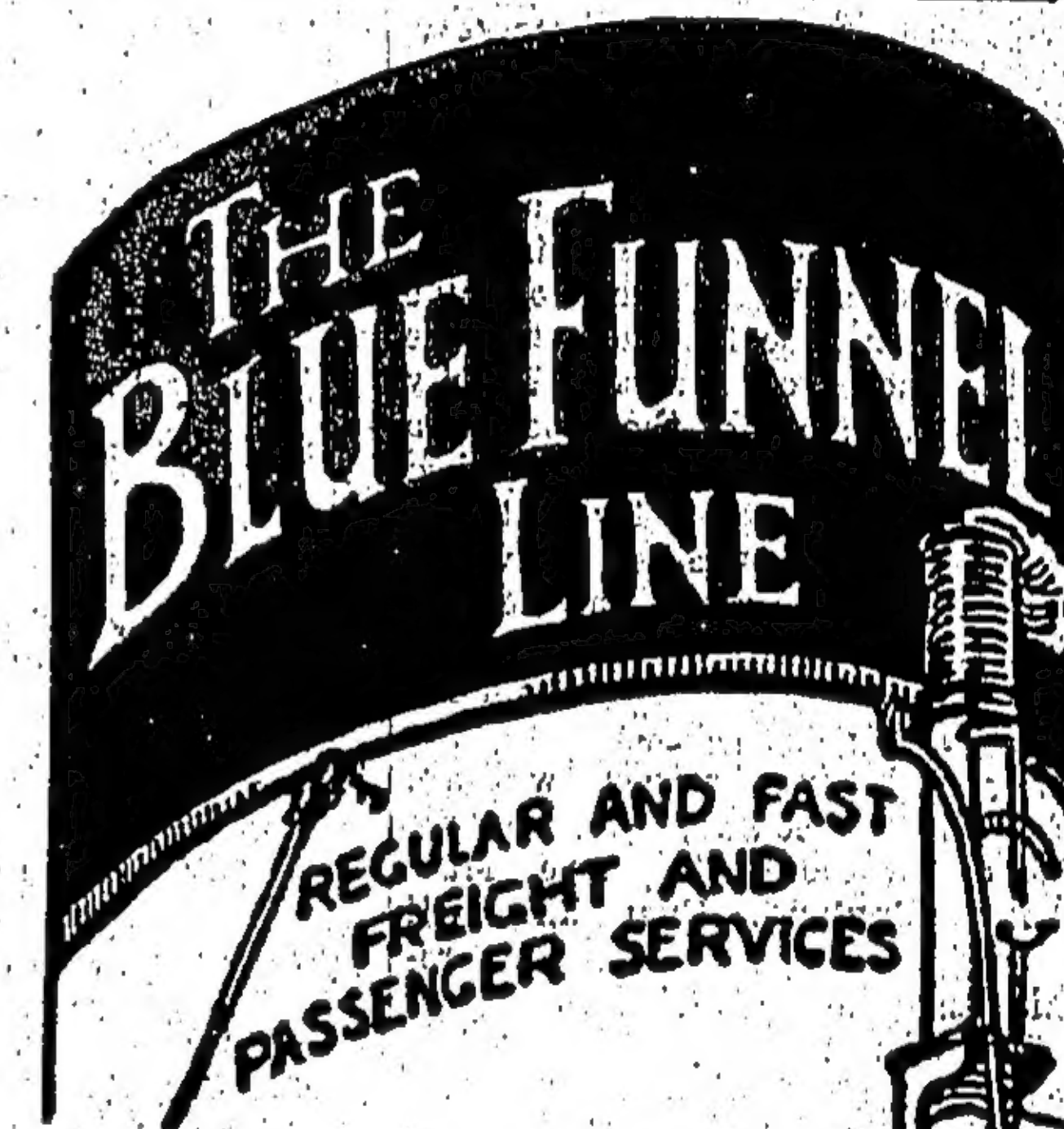
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## COSTLY SECONDARY EDUCATION.

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Their proposal to cut down the syllabus in some directions is an attempt to escape from the present situation, which is nothing less than a barbarous early specialisation in as many as five or six subjects. Have they gone far enough? It is impossible to frame a really satisfactory time-table to meet the present demands of the School Certificate Examination without either giving individual subjects so short a ration of periods that teaching tends to degenerate into cramming, or else cutting out of the syllabus altogether those subjects which are not offered in the examination. In this connection I recall the words of an eminent publisher who assured me that no book could be a financial success in the secondary schools unless it was directly aimed at the School Certificate or Matriculation examinations. It would be difficult, I think to imagine a stronger condemnation of the present state of affairs.

A Notable Service  
I doubt whether the investigators have dealt faithfully enough with the matter of cramming—the obvious and fatally easy resort made by pupils, and often, I fear, by schoolmaster, to a system which is felt to make improper demands. But they render a notable service when they demand that the School Certificate, the test of a good general secondary education, should be divorced from the matriculation or entrance examination to the University.

The combination has resulted in a tendency to educate all boys as if they were intended either to proceed to the university or to enter the "black-coated" professions.

In this respect the big public school have suffered least, for in most of them a considerable proportion of the boys actually go to the university. But the force of circumstances has inevitably driven all other schools engaged in secondary education in the same direction, and in many of them the university entrants represent 10 per cent. or less of the annual batch of leavers. This is the real difficulty which such bodies as the Committee on Education for Salesmanship have to encounter.

Secondary Schools' Aim  
Our system cannot be sound while it is dominated by requirements which the universities make for that small percentage of our boys of whom alone, as prospective undergraduates, they may reasonably require anything at all.

To gain matriculation by means of the School Certificate Examination, say the investigators, "is, in fact, the aim of thousands of secondary school pupils, who neither intend nor desire to enter the doors of a university." The driving of all secondary education through the narrow gateway of matriculation is a main cause of our present dissatisfaction.

## SILVER BLAZE

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which would disguise this taste. By no possible supposition could this stranger, Fitzroy Simpson, have caused curry to be served in the trainer's family that night, and it is surely too monstrous a coincidence to suppose that he happened to come along with powdered opium upon the very night when a dish happened to be served which would disguise the flavour. Therefore Simpson becomes eliminated from the case, and our attention centres upon Straker and his wife, the only two people who could have chosen curried mutton for supper that night. The opium was added after the dish was set aside for the stable boy, for the others had the same for supper with no ill effects. Which of them, then, had access to that dish without the maid seeing them?

"Before deciding that question I had grasped the significance of the silence of the dog, for one true inference invariably suggests others. The Simpson incident had shown me that a dog was kept in the stables, and yet, though someone had fetched out a horse, he had not barked enough to arouse the two lads in the loft. Obviously the midnight visitor was someone whom the dog knew well.

"I was already convinced, or almost convinced, that John Straker went down to the stables in the dead of the night and took out Silver Blaze. For what purpose? For a dishonest one, obviously, or why should he drug his own stable boy? And yet I was at a loss to know why. There have been cases before now where trainers have made sure of great sums of money by laying against their own horses, through agents, and then prevented them from winning by fraud.

Sometimes it is a pulling jockey. Sometimes it is a some-sure and subtler means. What was it here? I hoped that the contents of his pockets might help me to form a conclusion.

"And they did so. You cannot have forgotten the singular knife which was found in the dead man's hand, a knife which certainly no sane man would choose for a weapon. It was, as Dr. Watson told us, a form of knife which is used for the most delicate operations known in surgery. And it was to be used for a delicate operation that night. You must know, with your wide experience of turf matters, Colonel Ross, that it is possible to make a slight nick upon the tendons of a horse's ham, and to do it subcutaneously so as to leave absolutely no trace. A horse so treated would develop a slight lameness which would be put down to a strain in exercise or a touch of rheumatism, but ever to foul play.

"Villain! Scoundrel!" cried the Colonel.

"We have here the explanation of why John Straker wished to take the horse out on to the moor. So spirited a creature would have certainly roused the 'soundest of sleepers' when it felt the prick of the knife. It was absolutely necessary to do it in the open air."

"I have been blind!" cried the Colonel.

"The END."

the Colonel. "Of course, that was why he needed the candle, and struck the match."

"Undoubtedly. But in examining his belongings, I was fortunate enough to discover, not only the method of the crime, but even its motives. As a man of the world, Colonel, you know that men do not carry other people's bills about in their pockets. We have most of us quite enough to do to settle our own. I at once concluded that Straker was leading a double life, and keeping a second establishment. The nature of the bill showed that there was a lady in the case, and one who had expensive tastes. Liberal as you are with your servants, one hardly expects that they can buy twenty-guinea walking dresses for their women. I questioned Mrs. Straker as to the dress without her knowing it, and having satisfied myself that it had never reached her, I made a note of the milliner's address, and felt that by calling there with Straker's photograph I could easily dispose of the mythical Darbyshire.

"From that time on all was plain. Straker had led out the horse to a hollow where his light would be invisible. Simpson, in his flight, had dropped his cravat, and Straker had picked it up with some idea, perhaps, that he might use it in securing the horse's leg. Once in the hollow he had got behind the horse, and had struck a light, but the creature, frightened at the sudden glare, and with the strange instinct of animals feeling that some mischief was intended, had lashed out, and the steel shoe had struck Straker full on the forehead. He had already, in spite of the rain, taken off his overcoat in order to do his delicate task, and so, as he fell, his knife gashed his thigh. Do I make it clear?"

"Wonderful!" cried the Colonel. "Wonderful! You might have been there."

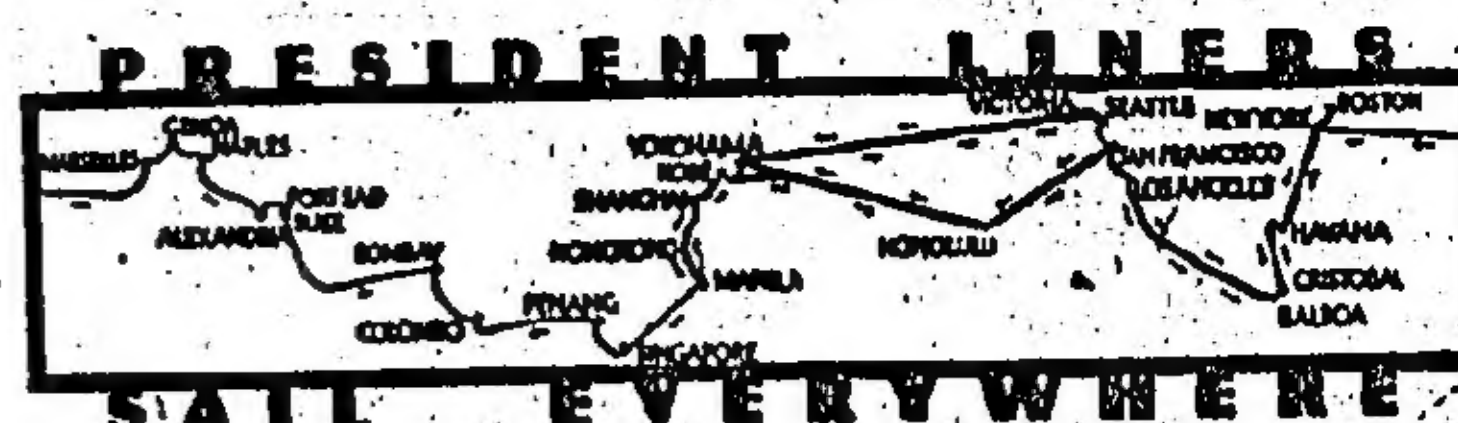
"My final shot was, I confess, a very long one. It struck me that so astute a man as Straker would not undertake this delicate, tendon-nicking without a little practice. What could he practice on? My eyes fell upon the sheep, and I asked a question which, rather to my surprise, showed that my surmise was correct."

"You have made it perfectly clear, Mr. Holmes."

"When I returned to London I called upon the milliner, who at once recognised Straker as an excellent customer, of the name of Darbyshire, who had a very dashing wife with a strong partiality for expensive dresses. I have no doubt that this woman had plunged him over head and ears in debt, and so led him into this miserable plot."

"You have explained all but one thing," cried the Colonel. "Where was the horse?"

"Ah, it bolted and was cared for by one of your neighbours. We must have an amnesty in that direction, I think. This is Clapham Junction, if I am not mistaken, and we shall be in Victoria in less than ten minutes. If you care to smoke a cigar in our rooms, Colonel, I shall be happy to give you any other details which might interest you."



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The Ball is reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Amid colourful surroundings, the ceremonial of Congregation Day was held in the Great Hall of the University of Hong Kong on January 9. His Excellency the Chancellor, Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., accompanied by Lady Peel, was welcomed by the Vice-Chancellor, Sir William Hornell, Kt., C.I.E. Fifty-seven undergraduates received their degrees from the Chancellor. Sir William Hornell delivered the only speech of the Day, in which he mentioned that the University had purchased many valuable books on China from the Hankow Club for \$25,000.

A full report is given in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

In the Chapel of St. John's Cathedral on January 7, the Very Rev. A. Swann officiating, the wedding was quietly solemnised between Miss Eileen Joyce Lammert, youngest daughter of Mr. George Phillip Lammert, well-known local resident, and Mr. James Edward Henry, second son of Mr. Malcolm Henry of Yokohama and Hong Kong, and local Manager of Reuters Limited.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, was the scene of a pretty wedding on January 9, when Miss Geraldine "Toots" Smith, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. H. L. Smith, of Hong Kong, became the bride of Mr. Peter Weatherdon Grant Cameron, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Ian Grant Cameron of Mere Wiltshire, England.

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The Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K. C.) moved the application.

In admitting Mr. D'Almada, the Chief Justice said the applicant bore an honourable family name and wished him every success.

Mr. D'Almada, who is the younger brother of Mr. Leo D'Almada, the barrister, was to have been admitted this morning, but unavoidable delay in preparation of the papers caused the postponement.

The new solicitor is a popular athlete and is a member of the Club de Rekreio hockey eleven. He was educated at St. Joseph's College, Hong Kong, and in England.

### BRITAIN'S REVENUE INCREASES

London, To-day.  
Great Britain's revenue from April 1 to November 12 was £334,497,286 as against £329,138,398 in the corresponding period last year, an increase of £5,358,888. — Reuter.

Two cases of meningitis and one case of diphtheria were notified to the Health Authorities on Monday.

### AUDACIOUS THEFT FROM I. G. P.'S OFFICE.

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On Sunday, the defendant went to the Charge Room at Central Police Station and coolly took the keys. He went to the I.G.P.'s office, unlocked the door, took the Cup wrapped it up in paper, and left after locking the door again. He put the keys back at the Charge room, and on his way down from the compound, threw away the Cup's wooden stand, near the gates.

The loss was discovered on Monday morning. Defendant was suspected and later arrested. He told the Police that he had smashed the cup up to bits and throw it in a dustbin. No part of the trophy could be traced. It was valued at \$75 and insured.

Defendant's reasoning was that something be stolen from the I.G.P.'s office in the first week after he had left, the new messenger would be immediately dismissed, and he would be sent for.

Defendant's chief failings, the Inspector said, were opium and drink. He had a wife and two children.

His Worship passed sentence of six weeks and one month's hard labour the terms to run consecutively.

Inspector Chester-Woods added that the books were new, and in these days of economy, stationary was particularly hard to obtain from the stores.

### MODERN BOYS AND GIRLS.

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